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# Rainbow Offerings

1950



LATEST  
CREATIONS AND  
POPULAR FAVORITES  
*In Rainbow Colors*

RARE  
AND UNUSUAL  
TYPES OF IRIS  
*For Year Round Bloom*

## IRIS

A CATALOG FOR IRIS LOVERS AND HYBRIDIZERS

RAINBOW HYBRIDIZING GARDENS

PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.



**FLAMING FIRE** (Sass '50) ★ ★

\$5.00

From two of our finest and most famous Iris, The Red Douglas crossed with Prairie Sunset, the Sass Brothers have produced an immense flaming red bitone that is a knockout for both color and size. Whereas most of the new reds are decidedly on the dark side, this is much lighter and brighter. Standards light red, infused with gold. Falls bright crimson red with a sharply contrasting yellow beard. Form much like its seed-parent, The Red Douglas, but color is much lighter, reminding one of a flaming fire. A very heavy bloomer and a good increaser. Tall well-branched stalks. One of the finest reds from the famous Sass Brothers. Yields abundant fertile pollen and should be fine for crossing to produce finer reds. M—38".

**THANKSGIVING FIRELIGHT** (Austin '50) ★ ★ (Autumn Bloomer) \$5.00

There are so few really good tall Iris that bloom both in the spring and in the fall that there is a need for additional fine varieties in new colors. I am, therefore, glad to introduce this colorful Iris that has been the delight of all who have seen it. Usually blooms at Thanksgiving time and is done in festive fall colors. Standards blended reddish yellow and bronzy orange. Falls dark crimson, with a lighter edge. Excellent branching. A fast increaser, a heavy bloomer. Valuable also to hybridizers, as it sets seed, has abundant pollen. I find it transmits its fall blooming tendency to its offspring. Plentiful stocks permit this low introductory price. 34".

**You Need My New RAINBOW IRIS MANUAL**

Since I offer such a wide variety of Iris of 20 distinct types, and having somewhat different cultural requirements, there has arisen a persistent demand for this comprehensive new MANUAL adequately covering the whole subject. In spite of the diversity of types of Iris, their culture is remarkably simple and easy to understand, as I have grouped them all under three general cultural procedures, with only minor special considerations in the handling of specific types.

On page 27 you will find an outline that will show you the exceptionally comprehensive nature of this new publication. I have brought together for you in concentrated, verified form, a summary of my own accumulated experiences and those of many of my customers in dozens of different states. To this has been added valuable information from well over 100 books, bulletins and articles on Iris growing and hybridizing. In this way you can have **practically everything you need to know instantly available in one place without extensive searching**, and without the expense of buying many different reference works. Included, for example, is various material directly from two of the most significant of all published works on Iris, namely, W. R. Dykes' "Handbook of Garden Irises" and his monumental work "The Genus Iris." The latter is valued, when obtainable, at about \$100 a copy.

So what was planned as a 16-page leaflet turned out to be a 44-page booklet, packed with a great amount of condensed information. It was written as a special service to those who obtain their Iris from us. So in spite of its size and the cost for publishing, I am making this MANUAL **free with orders of \$15.00 or more**, and for nominal amounts with smaller orders, or without an order, as explained on the order blanks. Since our average order is around \$15.00 this means that most of my customers will get the Manual entirely without cost. Whenever the Manual is to go to you it will be sent in acknowledging your order, so you will have all needed cultural information well in advance of planting time. If you would like to study it before making up your order, you may order the Manual first. Then if you send in an order of \$15.00 or more, you may deduct the full \$1.25 that you paid for the Manual. . . . For those who want the Manual, but are not in position to order Iris this year, I will make it available for \$1.25 on a money-back guarantee. If you do not find it the most informative and helpful book you ever bought for that price, just return it and get your money back.

The value of a publication is best judged by those who use it. So I quote from a few of the many letters received from all over the country soon after my Manual was issued:

"For a long time now I have intended to write and tell you what a really superlative job your Rainbow Iris Manual is. It is compendium of Iris knowledge of such general usefulness that you are to be congratulated on making the information contained therein generally available. As far as I can determine it is unique in the horticultural field." Robert E. Allen, Scientific Committee and in charge of Awards and Registration of New Varieties, American Iris Society.

"I should like to add my congratulations to the many you must have already received on the new Iris Manual. This is a splendid piece of work and I for one appreciate it greatly. The work on the arils is especially valuable as much of this information is not to be had elsewhere." Clark Agnew, Hollis, New York.

"Your Iris Manual arrived the other day and I'm completely overwhelmed at the information it contains. It is grand and it will prove invaluable to me in my hobby." Martha E. Relfe, Phoenix, Arizona.

"If I couldn't get another Iris Manual I wouldn't take a hundred dollars for mine. It's great." Mrs. T. L. Kidd, Brady, Texas.

*I think I know what you are looking for in Iris more than anything else—something really DIFFERENT. That is why I specialize in growing Unusual kinds and the newer and finer varieties of Tall Bearded Iris. In nearly every category, my offerings this year are more nearly complete than ever before. Just think how exclusive and individualistic your garden will be if you develop part of it as an ARIL GARDEN, another part for rare BEARDLESS iris, etc. Surely, there is no need to have a commonplace garden when it is so easy to have the postman bring you such distinctive floral treasures.*

Most Iris catalogs are so much alike that I have tried to produce one that is different and more useful—one that contains many different types of Iris and that tells you more, much more, about the individual varieties, their relationships, groupings and hybridizing. Also, many of you have asked for more pictures, so I recently invested \$300 in a professional view camera in order to be able to take my own new photographs and show you more and more samples of what I have to offer. Nearly all of the illustrations used this year are, for the first time, from new plates made from my own photographs. To get in all of these new pictures, and my many new offerings, I have had to add four pages to the catalog, so it is 28 pages this year instead of 24. Each year I hope to have additional pictures for you.

You may see, therefore, that I seek your good will, and your orders, not alone on the basis of supplying you with first class Iris stock in great variety, but also on the basis of the unique service I try to render through yearly editions of this catalog and through my Rainbow Iris Manual. I hope that I have been helpful, and leave it to you to be the judge.

Lloyd Austin

**DATA TO HELP YOU PLAN**

To help you learn about the varieties and to plan your garden, I give the following information in my variety descriptions: originator, year of introduction, stars to show my recommendations, award and symposium winners, descriptions and evaluations, fragrance if pronounced, season of bloom and, lastly, height in inches.

★—One of my new listing of Iris varieties for 1950.

★ ★—My nominations for the **most outstanding** varieties for 1950. Some are exciting new creations; others are exceptionally fine standard varieties that I believe merit your special attention. You must know about these, even if for this year, some are beyond your reach. Eventually, you'll want them all.

★ ★ ★—One of the elite few to which I am this year giving my highest recommendation.

Dykes—Dykes Memorial Medal (Highest Award)

AM—Award of Merit (Next to highest)

HM—Honorable Mention

HC—High Commendation

CC—Certificate of Commendation

S—Latest Symposium—(1949)

I recommend particularly varieties recently honored by these Awards of the American Iris Society

**UNDERLINED NAMES AND PRICES**—Centennial Feature varieties

available this year at the special bargain of **3 for the price of 2**, or **10 for the price of 6**. Plant at least 3 of a kind for stunning effects without years of waiting. If your garden is too small, combine your order with your neighbors to get these bargains.

**SEASON ABBREVIATIONS**, from earliest to latest spring: EE, VE, E, EM, M, ML, L and VL. To avoid the customary short Tall Bearded season, be sure to choose early, midseason and late varieties in each of the colors of greatest interest to you. Since the majority of varieties bloom at midseason, or nearly, you will need to give special thought to provide your garden with a good assortment of both the early bloomers and the late ones.

**MY HARDY MOUNTAIN-GROWN STOCK**

I send you large, husky rhizomes freshly dug from my gardens just before shipping to you—not battered half-dried-up plants that have been stored in bins. Iris are easy to ship, so no matter where you live, I can send you, postpaid, choice Iris that will thrive in your garden. I have **delighted customers in every state**, all through the South, through New England, the Lake States and even in Canada. My nursery is in the mountains of Northern California, at an elevation of nearly 3,000 feet. My stock is all grown out of doors. The nursery is often under snow, and the ground remains frozen for months at a time. So my stock is fully winter-conditioned, which not only hardens it for growth in any state, but puts it through a conditioning process that makes the rhizomes more floriferous. **Most kinds of Iris are perfectly hardy**—in fact, many of the varieties I grow originated in New England or Canada. If there are a few kinds that you are in doubt about for your locality, you can easily grow most of them out-of-doors with adequate mulching or soil covering; or indoors in pots or window boxes, or in a cold frame. My MANUAL tells how. **Iris are not particular as to the texture of soil**, and most kinds will thrive no matter whether you have sandy soil, loam or clay. I **GUARANTEE** my stock to be first quality, true to name, and to reach you in first class condition.



# A GUIDE to the Selection of Iris for Your GARDEN OF ENCHANTMENT

*Rare and unusual types, from 'round the world, to bring new interest to your garden*

To give it the space it deserves, I have transferred to my comprehensive new RAINBOW IRIS MANUAL the important CULTURAL and general information on the various types of Iris and the full explanation of hybridizing. But I have placed here, in condensed form, the data you need in choosing varieties and types of Iris most useful in different parts of your particular garden. To make these IRIS SELECTORS abundantly helpful, I have broadened them out beyond my current offerings. The alphabetical index at the back will show you the 300 or more kinds I present this year. Many others will be available next year. Let me know the kinds now missing that you particularly want; I will try to stock those in greatest demand. Any suggestions for additions to these lists? . . . I have used the symbol • to mark those I do not have, or that I have too few to catalog. If you have any of these, or know a source of plants or seeds, won't you please write me? . . . Many Iris have a wide latitude of tolerance of conditions, such as between moisture and dryness, sun and shade, etc., so it is not to be inferred that any particular kind will succeed only under the conditions for which it is listed. My MANUAL covers the needs and tolerances of the different Iris much more adequately than can be done in this condensed GUIDE, which is intended merely to HELP YOU SELECT, rather than to help you grow the different kinds.

## IRIS FOR YEAR ROUND BLOOM

Blooming times are, of course, approximate, and vary with latitude, elevation, weather and other factors.

### For Spring Bloom

Spread your spring bloom over three months.

#### — MARCH —

**Arls** (Earliest kind): Oncos, Regelias, warm climates); Sultan's Robe, Snoqualmie.  
**Dwarfs**: Many varieties.  
**Autumn Bloomers**: Jean Siret.  
**Tall Bearded** (March blooming only in Crested: Japonica.

#### — APRIL —

**Arls** steal the show in April: Oncos, Bearded, namely South Seas, Snow Regelias, Oncogelias.  
**Oncos-Bearded** (Earliest varieties): Zwaneburg, Balrour, Peshawar.  
**Bearded**: Dwarfs in variety, followed by Intermediates and earliest of Tall Bearded, namely South Seas, Snow Regelias, Oncogelias.  
**Bulbous**: Snake's Head, Dutch, Junos in variety, as Bucharica.  
**Beardless**: Western Natives.

#### — MAY —

**Bearded**: Main bloom of most varieties.  
**Oncos-Bearded**: Most varieties.  
**Unal Bearded**: Border and Table Iris.  
**Beardless**: Siberians, Western Natives.  
**Bulbous**: African Perpetual, Dutch.

## For Summer Bloom

Have Iris in summer, and surprise all your neighbors.

#### — JUNE —

**Bearded** (Latest varieties): Dawn of Gold, Ranger, Arab Chief, Extravaganza, Cascade Splendor.  
**Beardless**: Spurias, Japanese.  
**Bulbous**: Spanish, English.

#### — JULY —

**Beardless**: Japanese, Laevigata.  
**Pardanthopsis Section**: Vesper Iris.  
**Belamcanda**: Blackberry-lily.  
**Bulbous**: English.  
**Autumn Bloomers**: Autumn Queen, July Beauty.

#### — AUGUST —

**Pardanthopsis Section**: Vesper Iris.  
**Belamcanda**: Blackberry-lily.  
**Autumn Bloomers** (These sometimes flower in August): Autumn Queen, Ethel Peckham, Sangreal, Autumn Eli

## For Autumn Bloom

#### — SEPTEMBER —

Our Manual tells how to encourage fall bloom, even in cold climates.  
**Autumn Bloomers**: Early fall bloomers as Autumn Flame, Autumn Queen.  
**Pardanthopsis Section**: Vesper Iris

#### — OCTOBER —

**Autumn Bloomers**: Main display of many varieties, especially Sally Ann.  
**Stylosas**: Beginning of blooming period.

#### — NOVEMBER —

**Autumn Bloomers**: Mary Vernop, Thanksgiving Firelight, Kansas Ingle-side.  
**Beardless**: Stylosas in variety.  
**Bulbous**: Alata.

## For Winter Bloom

In warm climates, indoors, or under glass.

#### — DECEMBER —

**Beardless**: Stylosas, Christmas Iris (Scarlet "seed-bouquets").  
**Autumn Bloomers**: Southland, Black Magic, Kansas Ingle-side.  
**Tall Bearded**: Sultan's Robe, Sousun, Berkeley Gold, Mount Washington.  
**Oncos-Bearded**: Lady Mohr.  
**Bulbous**: African Perpetual, Alata.

#### — JANUARY —

**Beardless**: Stylosas in variety.  
**Bulbous**: Danfordiae, African Perpetual, Histrioides, Alata.  
**Autumn Bloomers**: Southland.  
**Intermediate**: Kochii.  
**Bearded**: California Gold, Bronzino.

#### — FEBRUARY —

**Bulbous**: African Perpetual, Reticulata Royal Blue, Danfordiae.  
**Beardless**: Stylosas in variety.  
**Autumn Bloomers**: Southland.  
**Dwarf**: Atrovioleaceae.  
**Various Types Potted**: See Manual.

## IRIS for Cutting

### FOR MAKING YOUR OWN CORSAGES

**Bulbous**: Snake's Head Iris, Reticulata.  
**Oncos**: Nigricans, Barnumae, Atropurpurea.  
**Regelias**: Lucia, Orestes, Korolkowi, Stolonieta.  
**Oncogelias**: Charon, Camilla, Wanadis.  
**Regelia-Bearded**: Spotless.  
**Bearded**: Zebra (use the striped leaves).  
**Crested**: Japonica, Nada.  
**Evansia-Bearded**: Paltec.  
**Beardless**: Western Natives, especially Western Gold Iris.

### FOR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

**Regelias**: Korolkowi violaceae, hoogi-ana.  
**Oncos**: Susiana, Haynei, Bismarckiana.  
**Oncogelias**: Asporina, Luna, Teucros.  
**Oncos-Bearded**: Lady Mohr, Illusion.  
**Regelia-Bearded**: Sheriffa, Hoogsan.  
**Unusual Bearded**: Table, Dwarfs, Border and Intermediates, especially Billet Doux, Doxa and Black Hawk.  
**Tall Bearded**: Grand Canyon, Oklahoma, Mary Vernon, Yuma, Old Lace.  
**Beardless**: Western Natives, Siberians, Spurias, Japanese, Louisiana.

## IRIS FOR SPECIAL SITUATIONS

### For Dry Locations

**REQUIRING DRY SUMMERS**  
Or storing under cover for the summer.  
**Arls**: Oncocyclus, Regelias, Oncogelia Hybrids.  
**Bulbous**: All types of Bulbous Iris, except English Iris, which prefer cool, moist, acid soils that are well drained.

### PREFERRING SUMMER WATER

Yet highly drought resistant  
**Bearded**: Tall Bearded, Dwarfs, Intermediates, Border, Table, Autumn.  
**Arl-Bearded Hybrids**: Onco-Bearded, Oncogelia-Bearded, Regelia-Bearded.  
**Western Natives**: All species except longipetala and missouriensis.

### For Moist Ground

Would you like to have more of these offered in future years?

**FOR GROWING IN WATER**  
Or submerged during growing season  
**Beardless from Japan**: Kaempferi, laevigata, albopurpurea.  
**Louisiana Natives**: fulva, hexagona, foliosa, giganticaerulea.  
**Other Beardless**: Versicolor, Virginica, Delavayi, Water Iris or Pseudocorus, and its varieties.

### FOR MARGINS OF POOLS

Or any fairly moist bed  
**Beardless**: Siberians, Japanese, Spurias, Foetidissima, Versicolor, Virginica, Forrestii, Wilsoni, Chrysographes, Verna, Louisiana Natives.  
**Western Natives** (these two only): Longipetala, Missouriensis.  
**Crested**: Cristata only.

### For Shady Places

#### THRIVING IN RATHER DENSE SHADE

Or in light to moderate shade  
**Oddity**: Christmas Iris or Foetidissima.  
**Crested**: Japonica.  
**Spuria**: Graminea.  
**Western Natives**: Western Gold Iris, Rainbow Iris.  
**Dwarf Rainbow Iris**.  
**Other Beardless**: Versicolor.

#### FOR LIGHT TO MODERATE SHADE

Some sunlight needed for good bloom  
**Crested**: Japonica, Nada, Wattii, Cristata, Tectorum, Gracilipes.  
**Beardless**: Stylosas, Western Natives, Siberians, Spurias, Foetidissima.  
**Bulbous**: Areas partially shaded in summer are O.K. as most bulbous Iris bloom before trees leaf out.  
**Bearded**: Light shades if necessary, but sun preferred in most localities.

## For Soils of Varying Reactions

Our MANUAL tells how to determine or change the reaction of your soil.

#### FOR ACID SOILS

Having a pH between 4.0 and 7.0  
**Beardless**: Japanese, Siberians, Spurias, Stylosas, Western Natives, Louisiana Natives, Verna, Versicolor, Foetidissima.  
**Crested**: Cristata, Japonica, Nada and others.  
**Bearded**: All types will tolerate slight acidity, down to about pH 6.0.

#### FOR LIMESTONE SOILS

Having a pH between 7.0 and 8.5  
**Arls**: Oncocyclus, Regelias, Oncogelias.  
**Arl-Bearded Hybrids**: Onco-Bearded, Reglia-Bearded, Oncogelia-Bearded.  
**Bearded** (Lime not essential): all types.  
**Beardless**: Foetidissima.

## Contrasting Height Requirements

### FOR ROCK GARDENS AND LOW EDGINGS

The Lilliputians of the Iris genus  
**Unusual Bearded**: Dwarfs, Intermediates, Border, Table and lower Autumn Iris.  
**Oncos-Bearded** (Lower varieties): William Mohr, Balrour, Peshawar, Zwaneburg.  
**Arls**: Oncos, Regelias, Oncogelias.  
**Crested**: Cristata, Tectorum.  
**Beardless**: Stylosas, Graminea, Foliosa, Verna, Western Natives, especially Dwarf Rainbow, Western Gold and California Dwarf Iris.  
**Bulbous**: Reticulata, bucharica.

### FOR BACKGROUNDS WHERE TALL IRIS ARE NEEDED

Here you'll find the "Lofty Lovelies"  
**Spurias**: Nearly all varieties.  
**Siberians**: Eric the Red.  
**Snowy Egret**.  
**White Dove**.  
**Louisiana Natives**: Hexagona and many of the hybrids.  
**Tall Bearded**: South Seas, Easter Candle, Great Lakes, Avilion, Mount Washington, Miss California, Tower of Jewels, Easter Gold, Mariposa Mia, Sharkskin.

## For Naturalistic Gardens

### FOR WILD GARDENS OR WOODLAND RETREATS

The best kinds for naturalizing  
**Beardless**: Western Natives, Spurias, Siberians, Louisiana Natives, Pseudocorus.  
**Crested**: Japonica, Nada, tectorum.  
**Bulbous**: Reticulata.

### FOR LANDSCAPING, BANKS, AND OTHER MASS PLANTINGS

Available in quantity at low rates  
**Beardless**: California Natives, particularly hartwegii.  
**Bearded**: Any of the older, less expensive varieties. See page 26.

## For Indoors and Flower Shows

### FOR POT CULTURE

Mostly hardy for outdoors if you prefer;  
MANUAL explains pot culture  
**Bulbous**: Reticulata in variety, Bucharica, Snake's Head, English.  
**Crested** (Tender): Japonica, Nada, Wattii.  
**Beardless**: Stylosa in variety.  
**Bearded**: Any variety, and especially the low growing kinds, may be grown in large pots or tubs if your inclinations or requirements so indicate.

### FOR EXHIBITION

The finest varieties get the prizes  
**Arls** (Will be the marvels at any show): Oncos, Regelias, Oncogelias.  
**Oncos-Bearded**: Lady Mohr, Blue Elegance.  
**Tall Bearded**: Ruffled Bouquet, Spindrift, Blue Rhythm, Katherine Fay, Bryce Canyon, Sylvia Murray, Mission Madonna, Casa Morena, Sierra Primrose.  
**Unusual Bearded**: Autumn Iris for Harvest Festivals, Dwarfs for early spring.



# Exotic ARIL IRIS for

The ARILS (that is, the Oncos, Oncogelias and Regelias) are so named because these alone, of all the Iris, have seeds with prominent white arils, or collars. Sometimes called the "White Collar Iris."

## Famed ONCOCYCLUS — Orchid-Iris of Palestine

### World's Most Complete Offerings of True Oncos

In the three centuries since the landing of the Pilgrims, the Western World has never had an opportunity to become acquainted with the wealth of diverse and fascinating species of Oncocyclus Iris that occur in various parts of Palestine and surrounding countries. After noting the tremendous advancement in the forms and colorings of Iris that have been produced as descendants of Mr. Mohr's **one** original cross of Parisiana with the Onco Gatesii and named William Mohr, I have felt that it is high time that American hybridizers are given the long-awaited opportunity of making fresh starts by crossing **various** Onco species with Bearded Iris. My new Manual (pages 35 and 36) gives many suggestions on hybridizing with Oncos.

Consequently, during the last few years, I have devoted much time and effort and no little expense, to the **direct air importation** of all possible true Onco species. Our collection has now reached 29 species and natural varieties. Last year I introduced to American flower lovers and hybridizers five rare species of true Oncos. The demand for these was so overwhelming all were sold out before shipping time. I have been partially able to replenish my stocks directly from Palestine and can now offer limited quantities of the species shown below. Only Susiana is relatively abundant. Best to order these by AIR MAIL. Rhizomes naturally small, bulb-like.

#### HAYNEI (Hayne's Iris) ★ ★

\$7.50; 3 for \$18.75

An enormous, richly colored beauty from Mt. Gilboa, north of Jerusalem. Standards bright light mulberry; falls **intense blackish red**, with a **prominent mahogany-black signal patch**. Standards arched and gently waved, yet somewhat separate, giving a novel 3-pointed effect. A rapid increaser. Pollen exceptionally abundant. A heavy seed-setter. E—18".

#### SUSIANA—Oncocyclus

##### SUSIANA (Mourning Bride Iris)

\$2.00; 3 for \$5.00; 6 for \$8.50

This amazing Iris from the Holy Land has been a **sensation** wherever it has been seen. It is enchanting and wondrous, and may always be counted on to bring forth exclamations of amazement and delight. The flower is simply enormous, and the startling effect is that of a marvelous **color symphony in silvery white and black**. An abundant producer of pollen. One of the parents of Luna and Fair Enough. Quite hardy but may need some protection in the coldest areas. If you can't make your neighbors Oh! and Ah! with this, they're hopeless.

For exhibition purposes Susiana is superb. I sent this Iris to my friend Fisher Harris in Salt Lake City, in the region where so many cattle died of the cold and snow. Susiana was grown out of doors. In spite of the very severe winter, it bloomed finely. He entered it in the Utah Iris Society's show, and I quote his report verbatim:

*"It is an understatement to say that Susiana 'stole the show.' We had several thousand visitors, no more than a dozen of whom had ever seen Susiana or any other pure Onco. The result was that she not only stole the show, but, at times and almost literally stopped it, for—though she was placed next to the Queen (for which title she was not eligible)—no one saw the poor Queen. Instead, the aisle was blocked by those delighted and astonished at the exotic beauty of the almost incredible Susiana. Believe it or not, she was a full seven inches in diameter."*

##### BISMARKIANA (Bismark Iris)

\$4.00; 3 for \$10.00

Dykes states this is the closest of Oncos to the famous Lortetii, though of a somewhat different coloring, which is wholly different from Susiana. Standards appear **sky-blue**, due to numerous blue veins on a creamy white ground, becoming **creamy brown** below. Falls **brown**, with a **yellowish ground-work** showing at edge. Beard violet-black on a yellow ground. Signal patch triangular, **velvety black**. VE—9".

##### ATROPURPUREA (Crimson-Black Iris) ★ ★

\$5.00

A wondrous Iris that is sometimes **almost as black as Nigricans**, but which is usually more tinged with crimson. A smooth, intense coloring, not noticeably veined or dotted. Signal patch intense, velvety black. **Beard yellow**, as in the area directly under it. One of the parents of that choice bronzy Oncogelia Charon and of other interesting hybrids. See what you can produce by crossing it with the Regelias, or perhaps with Bearded Iris. A bold distinctive Iris that is sure to command attention. Blooms in March in the wilds near Gaza, where Samson is credited with destroying the temple and burying the multitude. EE—18".

##### NAZARENA (Nazareth Iris) ★ ★ ★

\$10.00; 3 for \$25.00

Here is **my personal favorite** of all Oncos. An absolutely stunning bicolor. Standards nicely cupped, gorgeous, glistening **white**, with the faintest of lavender veins. Falls sharply contrasting with the standards, **rich yellow-cream**, heavily covered with **raised oval dots of dark chocolate brown**. Signal patch large, velvety, **intensely black**. **Haft of falls exceedingly wide**, often a full 3 inches, thus making this absolutely unequalled for crosses planned to add width to the hafts and falls. Since the falls have such a distinct yellow cast, I foresee that this may be much more effective than Susiana as one parent in producing that clear yellow with Lady Mohr form of which so many have dreamed. VE—10" to 12".

##### ATROFUSCA ★

\$3.50; 3 for \$9.00

A striking, very dark-colored Onco from Palestine that almost has the appearance of being black. Actually the coloring consists of heavy veins and dots of **reddish-black** on a ground which is silvery grey in the standards and yellowish in the falls. Signal patch circular, velvety black. Beard yellowish, tipped brown. E—12".

##### LORTETII (Lebanon Iris) ★ ★ ★

\$7.50; 3 for \$18.75

This fabulous Iris is undoubtedly the most-awaited of Oncos for it is described by Dykes as **the most beautiful of all Iris**. His monograph, "The Genus Iris," contains a full-page colored plate of this species, bringing out its marvelous beauty. General effect is of a **magnificent orchid-pink globe**, sometimes as much as 7 or 8 inches in diameter. Standards white with faintest flush of lilac-pink and very fine lavender veins. Falls cream, covered with minute crimson dots, sparsely scattered near edge, and becoming concentrated in a **dark crimson signal path**. Emphatically, **an Iris for the connoisseur and hybridizer**. I have found it to have abundant pollen and to be a wonderful seed-setter. With this species now available, many long-dreamed-of crosses become possible. Easily worth much more than I am asking, but to encourage hybridizing I am making the price just as low as possible, consistent with my current stocks and those expected from Palestine this fall. Native to Mount Lebanon. Blooms late for an Onco, thus coinciding with the bloom of the early Tall Bearded Iris, facilitating crosses with them. E—12".

##### NIGRICANS (Black Iris) ★ ★ ★

\$10.00; 3 for \$25.00

Of all the Oncos I have bloomed this has attracted more attention than any other. Everyone tells his neighbor about it, and it is not long before they appear, saying: "We hear you have a **black Iris**; may we see it?" As yet no **Tall Bearded Iris can compete with the Black Iris for sheer blackness**; but after seeing this, one can easily visualize a tall and graceful "Lady Mohr" in stunning ebony-black. Will you be the one to produce it? Pollen is plentiful. I have gotten as many as 46 seeds to a pod. Standards violet-black, brightening to a glossy red-purple at center; falls dark violet-black, with a **conspicuous large black signal patch, the blackest I have ever seen in any flower**. Beard bronzy-black. Blooms in April in its native home in the Moab district of Trans-Jordan, east of the Dead Sea. E—17".

### —ONCOCYCLUS COLLECTIONS—

**PALESTINIAN PILGRIMAGE:** Lortetii, Nazarena, Nigricans, Haynei, Bismarkiana and Susiana—a \$41.00 value for **\$34.95**  
**HYBRIDIZER'S OPPORTUNITY:** Susiana, Atrofusca, Bismarkiana, Atropurpurea and Lortetii—a \$22.00 value for **\$16.95**

### RAREST ONCOS — STOCKS VERY LIMITED

This year for the first time I offer hybridizers and others very limited numbers of the following exceedingly rare true Oncos. Apparently, most of these have **never before been catalogued anywhere in the world**, and it may well be years before I can offer them again. **ANY OF THESE AT \$20.00 EACH:** Aurantica, Barnumae, Calcaria, Haynei Bronze, Haynei Dark, Haynei Gilboa, Hermona and Jordona. Any 3 for \$50.

**ANY OF THESE AT \$35.00 EACH:** Basaltica, Lortetii White, Nazarena Thompsoni, Nigricans Medaba, Samariae, Soforiana, Tell-Aviv and Whittingi. Any 3 for \$75.

"Every garden was once a dream."



# Your IRIS FAIRYLAND

No matter where you live, **you** can grow exotic Aril Iris, for they are being successfully grown by my customers in all parts of the United States. My new Manual gives full cultural directions for growing these out of doors or in pots.

Arils are normally shipped shortly before planting time in October or November. Most kinds are not mature and ready for shipment in the summer with the Bearded Iris.

## The Amazing ONCOGELIA Hybrids To Elevate Your Garden from the Commonplace

Let me introduce to you the new term ONCOGELIA, freshly coined to more aptly and simply designate that marvelous family of **hardy** free-flowering hybrids resulting from crossing ONCOS with REGELIAS. Heretofore these were termed Regeliocyclus. We now have over 30 kinds under test, and are doing much crossing to produce our own strain. Nearly all are **practically unknown to American gardeners**. So they constitute one of the best answers to that ever-present question of what to get for yourself or a friend that will really be different. When cut in bud, flowers will develop fully in water. Imagine the sensation that an assortment of these will cause in your garden, or at your flower show. Many have been curious as to the origin of the names bestowed on these by their Dutch creators. Most are from Greek, Roman and Norse mythology.

**ANDROMACHE** (Korolkowi violaceae x Mariae) ★ ★ \$2; 3 for \$4; 10 for \$12

In Homer's Iliad, Andromache was the devoted wife of Hector. Pronounced An drom' ake. As she appears in today's garden of Oncogelias, she is a princess clothed in **silvery white and violet**, with a soft lilac veil. Heavy decorative veining. Signal patch claret-black, very prominent, like an Onco. **Style crests wine-red**, effectively setting off the flower. Has pollen and sets seed. VE to E-18".

**PARTHENOPE** ★ ★ ★ (Par then' o pe) \$2.00; 3 for \$5.00; 10 for \$16.00

The mythological Parthenope, one of the three Sirens, charmed admirers with her songs. The charm of the modern Parthenope lies in her lace-like veil. She is one of my favorites, as here the decorative lacework so characteristic of most Oncogelias, is particularly pronounced, due to sharp contrast between the dark veins and the light ground color. Petals almost **pure white, sparkling** as if dusted with silver; **veins in dark mulberry and maroon**, sharp and clear. Signal patch black, changing to maroon. **Beard black**, anthers chartreuse. Note how very **different** this is. VE-15".

**OBERON** ★ ★ (O' ber on) \$2.00; 3 for \$5.00

The **only really dwarf Oncogelia**. So low and attractive it was named for Oberon, King of the fairies in medieval folklore. Ideal for rock gardens, low edgings, and other places where short stems are needed. Standards deep amethyst, veined in red-violet. Falls nearly white, with heavy veins and signal patch of blackish maroon-purple. **Beard black**. VE-E-7".

**HERMIONE** ★ ★ (Her mi' o ne) \$2.00

In Greek legend Hermione was the extremely beautiful daughter of Menelaus and Helen, and was carried off by Orestes. Today, as she adorns your Oncogelia garden, she is the **tallest and one of the very largest**. Her coloring is soft and alluring. A novel bitone. Standards heavily flushed silvery mulberry, intricately veined in purplish black. Falls nearly white, with striking signal and heavy veins of very dark maroon. VE-22".

**TEUCROS** (AM, Haarlem, Holland '48) \$1.25; 3 for \$2.50; 10 for \$7.50

One of the pinkest and prettiest of Oncogelias. Standards melting lilac-pink, with fine dark pink veins. Falls **glistening silvery white, flushed pink**, decorated with fine maroon veins and a stunning dark maroon signal. **Beard maroon-black**. A remarkable seed-setter; has set for me when crossed with 4 different Oncos. One of the very latest of Oncogelias to bloom; hence often overlaps Tall Bearded Iris, and is thus easier to cross with them. E-18".

**FIDES** ★ (Fi' des) \$1.25; 3 for \$2.50; 10 for \$7.50

Named for the Roman Divinity of Honesty, this is a newcomer to my garden, and one that resembles the richly colored Artemis. But here the falls are a bit lighter, with more white, and the flowers are usually not quite as large. **Beard and signal patch intense black**, making an impressive flower. VE-E-18".

**THOR** \$1.00; 3 for \$2.00; 10 for \$6.00

Norse mythology tells us Thor was the God of Thunder, armed with a magic hammer that returned to him after being cast. The Oncogelia namesake arrived only recently, but in such numbers that I give you the lowest prices at which I have ever been able to offer Oncogelias. Oddly and interestingly colored; standards of palest lavender, lined in purple; falls **pale greenish silver**, with veins and signal of dark maroon. **Style crests prominent purplish red**. Flowers profusely. VE-14".

## The Hardy REGELIAS of Turkestan

### Unsurpassed for Novel Flower Arrangements and Corsages

While botanically very close to the Oncos, and requiring much the same culture, Regelias are of very different appearance. In place of the magnificence of the Oncos, we have here characters of elegance and refinement that admirably fit these flowers for **distinctive flower arrangements**, novel bouquets and simply **stunning corsages**. Unlike any other Iris, Regelias have beards on **both** standards and falls.

A tempting field for new hybridizers is to try crossing various Regelias with Susiana and other Oncos. Such hybridizing may easily be pioneering and exploratory, for many highly promising



ANDROMACHE—Oncogelia

**ARTEMIS** (Korolkowi violaceae x Mariae) \$1.50. 3 for \$3; 10 for \$9

Named for the Greek Goddess of the Chase, twin of Apollo, and known, as was he, for healing and averting plagues. Today's namesake Iris will soothe your troubled thoughts and avert stagnation in any garden, for it is the **largest, richest and deepest colored of all Oncogelias**. Ground silvery cream, almost entirely overlaid and veined in bright yet dark carmine-violet. Effect heightened by a **heavy black beard** and a striking black signal patch. Sturdiest and most rapid increaser of Oncogelias, and very floriferous. A remarkable seed-setter and pollen producer. VE-20".

## SCARCE VARIETIES

The following have been particular favorites of our customers. As a result, we have sold down very low, and unfortunately our various sources of supply have become exhausted at the same time.

**LUNA** (Korolkowi violaceae x Susiana) ★ ★ ★ \$5.00

This charmer was named for Luna, the Roman Goddess of the Moon. Visitors often find this to be their favorite of all Oncogelias, as it is the pinkest and one of the largest. Has deep red-violet veins entrancingly etched on a smooth creamy ground, delightfully flushed with **pink and lavender**. Rich splash of purplish **black plush** in center of falls. Pollen green. Pried by hybridizers; best seed-setter of the Oncogelias. When properly grown, immense, captivating. EE-18".

**CHARON** (Korolkowi concolor. Atropurpurea) ★ ★ ★ \$3.50

This name is from ancient Greek mythology and is pronounced Char'on. The most distinctive and earliest of all of my Oncogelia offerings. An entrancing **bronzy-mahogany** flower attractively **veined in old gold** and deeper bronze, set off by prominent maroon signal patch. Has pollen and sets seed. EE-16".

## ONCOGELIA COLLECTIONS

6 CHOICE HYBRIDS: Andromache, Parthenope, Artemis, Teucros, Fides and Thor, a \$9.00 value, for	\$ 7.95
3 each of these 6 (18 rhizomes) for	\$15.95
10 each of these 6 (60 rhizomes) for	\$49.95

combinations have never been tried. My Manual (pages 36 and 37) gives various additional suggestions. The time to start is NOW.

## PURE REGELIA HYBRIDS

Even more thrill-producing than the exotic Regelia species themselves, are the rare hybrids of different Regelias—still pure Regelias, but not the original forms found in the wilds. Outstanding for their remarkable decorative beards. Try crosses aimed to transfer these unique beards to other types of Iris. See "Decorative Beards" in my Manual, page 23.

REGELIAS—Continued next page



**ORESTES** (Korolkowi x Stolonifera) ★ ★ ★ \$3.50

In the mythology of ancient Greece, Orestes was the son of Clytemnestra and the brother of Electra. Today it is a Regelia Hybrid that milady can use most appropriately in a corsage or by itself. A uniform, **rich mahogany red, tastefully decorated with a brown beard**, highlighted with a bright violet iridescence. Gracefully frilled and waved, just right for decorating an evening gown. The earliest Regelia. Rare—I know of no other American nursery that can supply this delightful variety. VE to E—18".

**LUCIA** (Korolkowi x Stolonifera) ★ ★ ★ \$2; 3 for \$4; 10 for \$12

Every spring the ladies go wild over this in our garden. A **delightful pomegranate** or wine red with the **most striking beard imaginable**—a gay, yet deep violet blue, the **bluest beard of any Iris**. Graceful flowers with narrow, erect standards, narrow down-hanging falls. A merry personality if there ever was one. Pollen bright green. In such demand that I made a large importation and now am able to sharply reduce the price. E—20".

**VULCANUS** (Korolkowi x Stolonifera) ★ \$2.00; 3 for \$5.00

Quite similar to the famous Lucia and a fine companion for it. Preferred by many, for while the beard is darker blue, the coloring is even closer to true red. In fact, it is a striking **bronzy-scarlet**, exquisitely blended with crimson. Appropriately named for the Greek god of fire, flame and volcanic eruption. E—17".

#### REGELIA SPECIES AND NATURAL COLOR FORMS

**KOROLKOWI** (Redvein Iris). This striking Regelia has the following three color forms, all remarkably distinct from each other. All have strange elongated flowers with conical standards. Korolkowi has its home in distant Bokhara and other parts of Russian Turkestan.

**KOROLKOWI, PINK** ★ ★ ★ \$2.50; 3 for \$6.50

The pinkest and heaviest bloomer of Regelias. Standards and falls creamy-pink, with prominent maroon veins, a beautiful **lavender-blue beard**. Has pollen; a heavy seed-setter. VE—E—20".

**KOROLKOWI, BROWN & GREEN** ★ ★ \$1.50; 3 for \$3. 10 for \$9

Undoubtedly the strangest of Regelias, giving one a feeling of the mystery of India and the Himalayas. Imagine, standards in silvery white, merging to reddish brown at base, delicately veined in same color. Falls similar except for signal flushed with lustrous dark **olive-green**, surrounded with chocolate. Beard brown. VE—E—18".

**KOROLKOWI VIOLACEAE** ★ ★ \$2.25; 3 for \$5.50

This rare variant has a **white ground heavily flushed and veined in red-violet**. In my experience it is the **best seed-setter** of all Regelias and this is confirmed by the fact that **more Oncogelias have descended from it than from any other**. I have records of 12 of them, including the famous Luna, Artemis, Andromache, Beatrix and Mars. Try crossing this with Tall Bearded Iris and with Oncos: E—18".

**STOLONIFERA** (Runner Iris) \$2.50

A memorable Iris of **elongated** form, frilled and waved. An indescribable blend of purplish rose, buff, set off by an electric blue beard. Its name is from its interesting habit of increasing by stolons or runners, sometimes extending out 6 or 8 inches from the original plant. Sets seed and is the pollen parent of the 3 Regelia hybrids listed above. Becoming very scarce. E—20".

**STOLONIFERA LEICHTLINI** ★ ★ \$1.50; 3 for \$3.75

A variable form with deeper shadings of rustic brown, and with a beard varying from light blue to yellow. Falls highlighted by a brilliant peacock-purple center. Usually heavily waved and ruffled, hence very effective in corsages. Has pollen and is the seed parent of several Oncogelia hybrids.

**HOOGIANA** (Blue Regelia) \$1.00; 3 for \$2.50; 10 for \$7.50

Very distinct from Korolkowi and Stolonifera as this is a smooth blue self, without veining. Like **lustrous satin**, varying from pale lilac blue to **Oxford blue**, set off by a bright golden beard. A species of fairly recent discovery, not known to Dykes when he wrote his monumental "Genus Iris," and not included in the latest edition of Bailey's "Cyclopedia of Horticulture." Discovered in isolated portions of **Southern Turkestan**, not far from the almost mythical Tibet. Think what a thrill to be able to grow this treasured newcomer.

**HOOGIANA BRONZE BEAUTY** ★ ★ ★ \$2.50. 3 for \$5.00

The newest, **largest and tallest** of Regelias, and the **only distinct** bicolor or variegata among them all! Standards golden bronze, faintly veined in lavender. Falls long, narrow, dark wine-red, edged to match the standards. Beard cream, pointed. Entire flower gently waved. So different from other Regelias it is an eye-opener to anyone who has seen only the Regelias previously available. E—24".

**HOOGIANA PURPUREA** (Purple Regelia) \$1.25; 3 for \$3.25

Until recently only the typical form of Hoogiana has been available. Now I am able to offer this striking variant in addition to one above—a **rich, royal purple self**, with a deeper purple signal and yellow beard. Entirely different from any other known Regelia. E—24".

#### 4 REGELIA COLLECTIONS

Orestes, Lucia and Vulcanus, a \$7.50 value, for	\$5.95
All 3 forms of Korolkowi, a \$6.25 value, for	\$4.75
All 3 forms of Hoogiana, a \$4.50 value, for	\$3.75
REGELIA SAMPLER: Lucia, Korolkowi Brown & Green, Stolonifera Leichtlini & Hoogiana Bronze Beauty—for	\$5.95

## HELPS FOR HYBRIDIZERS

Realizing that most hybridizers are eager for all possible information as to which varieties are proving to be the best parents, I have incorporated in my variety descriptions many facts concerning such matters as (1) **Notable descendants**, illustrating the breeding possibilities of varieties, and (2) **variety potency**, that is, the fertility of the pollen and the ability of the variety to set good seeds. Pages 22 and 23 of my Manual give much further information along this line.

### Two Hybridizer's Kits

My Hybridizers' Kits have proved to be exceedingly popular. I have had many comments on the way they simplify all phases of hybridizing. Now many who before hesitated are taking up this new fast-spreading hobby of American flower lovers. As far as I am aware, this is an exclusive offering; for no other hybridizing kits seem to be available anywhere in the world. Thus, many of the orders that I get for kits are for gifts, as people naturally delight in giving something unique that their friends cannot buy in any store. These kits are available at the following prices:

**PROFESSIONAL KIT. \$6.50**

**BEGINNER'S KIT. \$3.75**

The most vital of the items included in the kits are the two special tweezers. As no suitable ones are available on the market, I have had two special types made to order, designed specifically for this purpose. The **Anther-collecting Tweezers** have special flat rounded points that permit collecting the anthers without injuring the delicate style arms. The **Clamp-style Pollinating Tweezers** are designed to hold the anthers firmly and thus eliminate the strain of pollinating.

The **Professional Kit** includes the following additional items: Hybridizer's Shears; 5 Camel Hair Brushes; 36 Special Sliding Pollen Boxes; 100 Pollination Tags in 4 colors; 2 Weatherproof Pencils. 50 Seed Bags; 15 Printed Record Cards; 12 Simplex Permanent Labels; 1 Stylus, for lettering labels; 1 copy of the leaflet, "Technique for Iris Hybridization." Really, **this is the Kit that you should have**, and that I recommend, even if you are just starting. For, while I do offer a Beginner's Kit, if you are like most of the others, you will not stay a beginner very long, and then you will soon wish you had the larger and more complete kit. The Beginner's Kit includes both special tweezers, but not the shears. All other items are present, but the quantities are reduced to the minimum needed by beginners in getting started.

#### OUR CUSTOMERS' VIEWS ON OUR KITS

"You kit is a Jimdandy. Those tweezers are so much easier to use. I intend to send you an order for Iris soon, as I believe most of my efforts are, or may be, wasted on the stock I have."—Mrs. L. M., Port Hueneme, California.

"With that hybridizing kit I am a very, very happy hybridizer. Hope I will have some beauties in future."—G.T.D., Seattle, Washington.

"Have been using the Hybridizer's Kit for quite some time and have had wonderful results so far this year."—Mrs. K.B.A., LaCanada, Calif.

#### HYBRIDIZING MADE EASY

My new IRIS MANUAL contains so much information on hybridizing that a number of my customers have referred to it as my Hybridizing Manual. Actually, it contains 20 pages on hybridizing, and covers the wide variety of subjects and types of Iris outlined under Part III on page 27.

#### RECOMMENDED LIST FOR HYBRIDIZERS

I get so many requests asking for lists of the varieties most suitable for hybridizing that I decided to include here a partial list to help those who do not as yet have my Manual.

**ARILS—Oncos:** Susiana \$2.00; Nazarena \$10.00. Nigricans \$10.00.

**Oncogelias:** Teucros \$1.25; Artemis \$1.50; Andromache \$2.00.

**Regelias:** Lucia \$2.00; Korolkowi Violaceae \$2.25; Orestes \$3.50.

**UNUSUAL BEARDED: Onco-Bearded:** Lady Mohr \$2.50. Capitola \$2.50; Morning Blue \$15.00.

**Autumn Bloomers:** Mary Vernon, \$2.00; Sally Ann \$3.00; Thanksgiving Firelight \$5.00.

**Dwarfs:** Tiny Treasure \$1.25; Papoose \$1.00; Mist O' Pink \$1.00.

**TALL BEARDED:** Easter Bonnet \$2.25; Spindrift \$2.00; Cherie \$18.00.

Solid Mahogany \$3.00; Casa Morena \$2.00; Juliet \$3.00; Easter Gold \$3.00; Katherine Fay \$2.50. Snow Flurry \$1.25; Lake George

\$3.50; Azure Skies \$1.25; Blue Shimmer \$1.50; Blue Valley \$10.00 Extravaganza \$6.00.

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## Iris ODDITIES and RARITIES

### Iris from the Uttermost Parts of the Earth for YOUR Iris Wonderland

How true it is that "Distance lends enchantment." Is there anyone who does not secretly wish he might start today on a leisurely trip around the world? If you are an Iris lover, I know what you would be looking for. But just in case your journey is delayed, I have gathered in for you, from the four corners of the earth, those Iris rarities you would see if you were to travel far and wide; and I present for your enjoyment lightning-quick magic carpet excursions to remote places, and the Iris peculiar to them. These include various floral treasures not elsewhere available in America. These do not have the huge flowers, tall stems and large rhizomes of familiar Tall Bearded Iris; rather, they are sought for their charm and daintiness, their usefulness in flower arrangements and corsages, their habit of blooming when flowers are scarce, or their strange appearance. In short, they are UNUSUAL. Nearly every year there will be new kinds for you. Shipped chiefly in fall; some in late summer if plants mature early. Order NOW to get your choice. Full cultural directions in my MANUAL.

#### RARE BULBOUS IRIS FOR GARDEN OR POT CULTURE

The First Two Are Juno Iris; the Last Two Are Reticulatas

##### BOKHARA IRIS (Iris bucharica) ★ ★ ★ #

2 for \$1.55; 4 for \$2.75

Our first flight by magic carpet is to distant Bokhara, a country we find as steeped in mysticism as its neighbors, Afghanistan and India. The Iris inhabiting that segment of the earth's surface is so utterly unique, yet adorable, it is unlikely you have ever seen one that even faintly resembles it. So I include a life-like portraiture. Strangest feature of this Iris is that its flowers are borne in the axils of leaves, which look for all the world like those of Indian corn. Real standards are minute, and what seem to be standards are actually enlarged ivory style crests. Falls deep yellow, with ridge down the center. I feel most fortunate in being able to offer this fully hardy novelty to American Iris enthusiasts. VE—15".

##### SCORPION IRIS (Iris Alata) ★ ★ # ◇

3 for \$1.45; 6 for \$2.65

For fields of color in mid-winter we turn our course to the shores of the Mediterranean—to Spain, Sardinia, Sicily and Tripoli. Here the strange Scorpion Iris blooms in profusion from November to January. I have tried for years to obtain a supply of this for your winter blooms, and now, at last, I can offer it. Comes in various shades of blue and has novel corn-like leaves, as does Bokhara. Also unusual because of the conspicuous wings on the hafts of the falls. In cold regions plant in pots, cold frame or greenhouse for your winter blooms. 7".

##### FRAGRANT IRIS (Iris reticulata) # ◇

12 for \$1.55; 24 for \$2.75

Next a quick jaunt to Turkey and Persia, where, in earliest spring, fields of Fragrant Iris perfume the air and vie for color brilliance with precious turquoise from the mines. A dozen will scent a room with the fragrance of violets. A dazzling red violet. On the falls is a golden area surrounded by black, giving a "tigerskin" appearance. Of

##### SKY-BLUE RETICULATA (Cantab) ★ # ◇

4 for \$1.45; 8 for \$2.65

So many have asked for another color form to plant with their regular Reticulatas that I am this year adding this prettiest one of all—a light sky blue with an orange signal—ideal for contrast. EE—6".

#### The Only TUBEROUS Iris—(Handled like Bulbous Iris)

##### SNAKE'S HEAD IRIS ★ ★ # ◇

12 for \$1.75; 24 for \$2.95

Our roving instincts now take us to Greece for the most curious member of the diverse Iris family. Certainly you have never seen an Iris like this: Instead of standards, 6 erect style crests gleaming in mysterious jade-green, daringly poised above velvety falls, black as midnight, tipped in deeper green. As strange as they come, but hardy, charming, fragrant, small enough for miniature bouquets; hence grown by florists for their most exclusive corsages. Why not grow your own? Available to us only on imports from abroad. EE—4" to 14". (Hermodactylus tuberosa.)

#### Curious RHIZOMATOUS Iris

##### DAFFY (DeForest '47) ★ ★ ★

\$3.00

The only Tall Bearded Iris I consider sufficiently odd for inclusion on this page. While generally classed as a plicata or fancy, it is a strange one indeed! For here the creamy-white ground of the falls is peppered and boldly marbled and zebra-striped in maroon-violet in an infinitely variable manner. Also valuable to hybridizers, as this striking color-pattern often appears in its seedlings. M—38".

##### DOROTHEA ★ AM Royal Hort. Soc. # ◇

50c

Trim modern form with nicely arched standards and stiff, flaring falls? Goodness no! This has that delightful wind-blown effect which departs from all formality. A pale lavender white, flushed and dappled in lavender and deep amethyst. May prove useful in breeding toward Bearded Iris of a flat "Japanese" style. VE—16".

##### TEUCROS (Oncogelia Hybrid) # ◇

\$1.25; 3 for \$2.50; 10 for \$7.50

Next we go to Holland, where this striking hybrid originated from parents from Palestine and Turkestan. Described on page 5. So striking, listed here so it can be included in the Oddities Collections. E—16".

##### ZEBRA (Pallida variegata) ★ ★ #

2 for \$1.75; 4 for \$3.35

An oddity deluxe, also from Holland. The only Iris with leaves striped in creamy yellow and green in a pattern much like that of a Zebra. Has striking ornamental value from early spring till late fall. Makes excellent edgings or clumps to attract attention. Just the thing for individualistic flower arrangements and corsages. Flowers light blue. M—30". See photograph on page 24.



BOKHARA—Rare Bulbous Iris

#### Exciting WIDE Crosses

I present this year 4 of the widest Iris crosses ever achieved, and representing combinations of parents from distantly separated portions of the earth's surface.

##### HOOGSAN (Regelia-Bearded Hybrid) (Samuelson '47) ★ ★ \$4.00

As its name implies, this comes from Hoogiana x San Francisco. The seed-parent is native to Southern Turkestan, and San Francisco was Dykes Medal winner for America in 1927, noted for tall stems and low, candelabra branching. There are many crosses of Oncos and Bearded Iris, but only a few Regelias and Bearded, and we believe this is the finest of them all. Its flowers and foliage are strongly suggestive of Hoogiana, but on a much larger scale. The flower stalk is tall, nicely branched, and the perfection of the form of Hoogiana has been maintained in this new giant. A smooth delphinium blue. The first of a new race. E—36".

##### SPOTLESS (Regelia-Bearded Hybrid) (H. P. Sass '39)

\$1.25

From the wide cross of Hoogiana pollinated with the Dwarf Elf Queen has come this hardy, floriferous gem, dainty, almost like a white Hoogiana in form of flower, but larger and easier to grow. Fine for corsages. A highlight of the early Iris garden. VE—18".

##### PALTEC (Evansia-Bearded Hybrid) #

\$1.00

A hybrid resulting from crossing Pallida x Tectorum; so from Tyrol in Austria, the home of Pallida, we bound half-way round the world to Yunnan, in southwestern China, where Tectorum is indigenous. The hybrid Paltec is a dainty sky-blue self of rare beauty, having both the crest of the crested Tectorum and the beard of the bearded Pallida, the beard being superimposed on top of the crest. EM—18".

##### SHERIFFA (Oncogelia-Bearded Hybrid) (White '42) # ◇ \$1; 3 for \$2.50

The most noteworthy of the extremely rare hybrids containing blood of Oncos, Regelias and Tall Bearded Iris. Thus its ancestors can be traced back to Palestine, Turkestan and Eurasia. What an example of the way man can bring together, in one form, the good qualities of species that Mother Nature left in scattered portions of our globe! Picture a flower with a deep blue ground color, flushed and veined in dark red, and radiating an electric iridescence. Beard most unusual, brown, tipped bright blue. Tall, nicely branched stalks. Exceptionally hardy, adaptable. Was introduced at \$25 each. Its seedlings often have that "Arl look."

##### MAGIC CARPET SPECIAL—2 each of 10 marked #

\$11.95

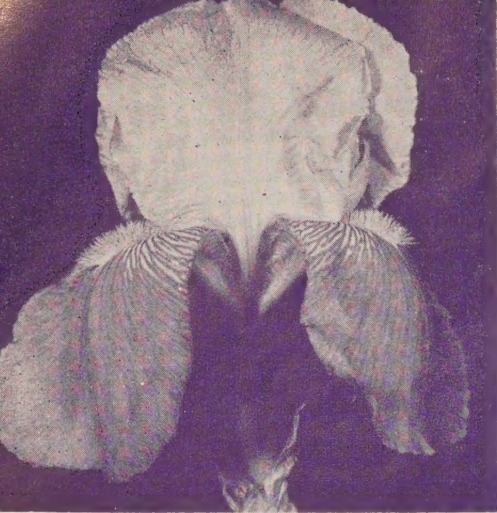
##### ADVENTURER'S ECONOMY SPECIAL—2 each of 7 marked ◇ \$6.75

To either Special you may add Daffy for \$2.50; or Hoogsan for \$3.50

#### Attention, STAMP COLLECTORS

I will send free on request with all orders of \$15 or more (while supply lasts) a CALIFORNIA GOLD CENTENNIAL First Day Cover, bearing a Centennial Stamp, postmarked at COLOMA on the day of issue, Jan. 24, 1948. These are becoming more valuable each year.





**ROSE PEARL**—Border Iris

- edged buff. Striking and colorful. A heavy bloomer. EE-6".
- MIST O' PINK** (Hill-son '44) ★★ **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.50**  
The only pink, and so much in demand I had to withdraw it last year. A fine showy newcomer in **bright rose pink**, with wide extended falls. EE-8".
- AMOENA BLEND** ★ **75c; 3 for \$1.50**  
A very **odd and unusual** coloring. Standards pale yellow, flushed lilac at base; falls soft burgundy, changing to yellow at edges. VE-6".
- HILL'S CREAM** ★ **60c**  
A neat and effective midget with **cream white** standards and falls of cream, blended with yellow at the haft. Beard lemon-white. Almost as early as Azurea. EE-4".
- KEEPSAKE** (Cook '36) HM'38 **50c; 3 for \$1.00; 10 for \$3.00**  
Much like the popular Tiny Treasure, but a **lighter yellow**. Tiny, frilled flowers on slender graceful stems. EE-12".

### Next Come the INTERMEDIATES

Just what you need to fill in the gap in blooming season between extremely early Dwarfs and the first of Tall Bearded varieties. I designate these as "very early" or VE. Most are intermediate in height and flower size as well as in season.

- BILLET DOUX** (G. Douglas '47) ★★ **\$2.00; 3 for \$4.00**  
You will welcome this winsome little Iris for its intriguing form, its charming personality, and its possibilities for use in flower arrangements. A miniature Great Lakes, with erect poise and very flaring falls turned up at the border. A **silvery blue** with pocrelain-like finish. Sometimes reblooms in the fall. VE-22".
- BERKELEY BLUE** (Salbach '42) ★★ **\$1.00**  
An immense Iris. Visitors gasp when they first see the huge blooms bravely displayed in **early** spring, 10 days before the regular Tall Bearded Iris. A beautiful light clear blue. Heavy seed-setter. VE-28".
- RUBY GLOW** (Schreiner '41) ★ HM'42, AM'48 **75c**  
One of the earliest and reddest of Intermediates. Velvety **ruby-red**, with brilliant orange beard. VE-25".
- BLACK HAWK** (Schreiner '41) HM'42, AM'43 **50c; 3 for \$1.00; 10 for \$3**  
A striking two-tone. Standards **brilliant mulberry**; falls intense **violet-black**, reminding one of black velvet. VE-28".
- GAYNELLE** (Richer '30) ★★ **50c**  
A delight to all who see it, as it is so early and so very profuse in the production of its **light yellow** flowers. Always a feature here in late March or April. VE-11".
- ABELARD** (H. Sass '34) ★ HM'36 **40c**  
A very bright flower of good size, blooming among the first. Standards bronze-red; falls dark crimson. VE-12".
- GOLDEN BOW** (H. Sass '35) ★ AM'38 **40c**  
A fine bright, glistening yellow, deeper than Gaynelle, and blooming slightly later. VE-22".
- INTERMEDIATE COLLECTION**—1 each of *Billet Doux*, *Gaynelle*, *Abelard* and *Golden Bow*; plus 2 each of *Ruby Glow* and *Black Hawk* 6 varieties, a \$5.80 value, for **\$4.95**

**COMPREHENSIVE LOW BEARDED COLLECTION**—9 varieties in 4 types: **DWARFS**—*Keepsake*, *Tampa* and *Cream Tart*; **INTERMEDIATES**—*Ruby Glow* and *Black Hawk*; **BORDER**—*Rose Pearl* and *Tiger*; **TABLE**—*Benton Old Madrid* and *Kinglet*—a wonderful \$7.65 value for **\$6.50**

**KODACHROME IRIS SLIDES**—Just the Thing for Garden Clubs

Many of my exclusive Iris offerings are included in sets of excellent colored slides available for rent from Philip Corliss, Somerton, Ariz.; and from American Iris Society, 444 Chestnut St., Nashville, Tenn.

## Five Distinct Types of UNUSUAL BEARDED

If you have all 5 types you'll have months of Iris bloom.

### Use The DWARFS to Begin Your Iris Season

A tribe of midgets that will dwell most naturally among the jagged outcrops in your **rock garden**—or serve admirably as **very low borders** anywhere. Rhizomes mostly quite small. All "Extremely early" or EE.

**CREAM TART** (Hill-son '43) ★★ **50c; 3 for \$1.25**

Frosty **cream and olive yellow**, set off by a red "tart". Very tiny in flower, plant and rhizome. EE-9".

**ROSE MIST** (H.P. Sass '31) **50c; 3 for \$1.00**

A lovely **rosy-mauve** with falls of dark, misty mauve. Floriferous. EE-7".

**TINY TONY** (Hill-son '43) **50c; 3 for \$1.25**

One of the finest of all real dwarfs, and one of the few with good form. A **rich red-wine** color, with striking orange beard. Neat, slim stems, with terminal flowers in abundance. EE-4".

**TAMPA** (Cook '36) HM'38 **50c; 3 for \$1.25**

Red is rare among Dwarfs. Tampa is a tiny, long-stemmed flower in **claret red**. Particularly useful for cutting. EE-12".

**AZUREA** **50c**

A delightful Dwarf very close to true **sky-blue**, prettily veined in dark blue. Large full flowers. Almost the earliest to bloom. EE-5".

**SNOW MAIDEN** (Chadwick '35) **50c; 3 for \$1.25**

The best **pure-white**. Plant a dozen for "a drift of snow". Very fragrant. EE-12".

**ATROVIOACEAE** (Easter Iris) **40c; 3 for \$1.00**

Among our 500 varieties of Iris this is the **earliest to bloom**, often coming out in early February. A free-flowering **rich red-violet**. EE-4".

**FAIRY** (VanTubergen) ★ **40c; 3 for \$1.00**

Novel indeed! Standards pale **blue-lavender**. Falls **buff-yellow**, marked with brown and purple. EE-4".

**REFLECTION** (Burchfield '25) ★ **40c; 3 for \$1.00; 10 for \$3.00**

A fine medium **blue** blooming early, but later than Azurea, so it lengthens the season.

**SCHNEEKUPPE** ★ **40c; 3 for \$1.00**

A delicate little **white** dwarf, with cream throat. Flushed pale lavender as the flower opens.

**YELLOW FRILLS** (Hill '37) **40c; 3 for \$1.00**

The best inexpensive **yellow** Dwarf. Charmingly frilled. EE-10".

**DWARF COLLECTION**—1 each of *Tiny Treasure*, *Papoose*, *Mist O' Pink*, *Tiny Tony*, *Rose Mist*, *Atrovioaceae* and *Fairy*; plus 2 each of *Keepsake*, *Tampa*, *Cream Tart* and *Reflection*. 11 varieties, an \$8.85 value, for **\$6.95**

### Still Later—The Useful BORDER Iris

Border Iris come on with the Tall Bearded kinds, but are under 30" in height. Thus they are used very extensively in front of Tall Bearded to **supply the needed graduation in height from the path to the tallest varieties at the back**. Also, ideally adapted to small, personal gardens, special nooks. On elevated terraces their low stature prevents their flowers from coming at too high a level.

**COPPER ORANGE** (Salbach '41) ★★ ★ **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.00**

Visitors usually take all our stock, and it is seldom I am able to catalog this. By far the most brilliant Border Iris I know. Standards intense coppery orange; falls closely approaching scarlet. Not generally available; be the first to display its vivid coloring. M-20".

**ROSE PEARL** (Salbach '44) ★★ ★ **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.00**

A large perfectly delightful bitone. Just imagine standards in **opal-escant ivory pink**; falls in **deep rose, gilded gold**. Remarkably long blooming period, often from early April to mid-May. E to M—28". Photo above.

**BUTTERCUP LANE** (D. Hall '41) ◇ **75c; 3 for \$1.50. 10 for \$4.50**

Very fine low-growing bright non-fading yellow for planting along paths. Both standards and falls **heavily ruffled**. Wide beard of deep orange; extra heavy substance of the petals. Scented. Fully hardy. EM-29".

**TIGER TIGER** (Wareham '32) ★★ ◇ **50c; 3 for \$1.00; 10 for \$3.00**

Nearest of inexpensive Iris to breeder's goal of **scarlet** Iris. ML-26".

**MRS. WILLARD JACQUES** (J. Sass '38) ◇ **40c; 3 for \$1.00**

A pleasing **watermelon pink**, delightfully waved and **frilled**. M-29".

**SPRING DELIGHT** (Salbach '40) ★ ◇ **40c; 3 for \$1.00**

A smaller and lower edition of the famous Golden Fleece. Standards bright **yellow**; falls **white** bordered yellow. LM-24".

**NO-WE-TA** (Sass '32) ★ ◇ **40c; 3 for 80c**

A true **pink** self, **flushed yellow**. As welcome as its Indian name signifies. Arched and frilled. 24 chromosomes. M-28".

**GOLDEN FLARE** (Insole '31) ★ **40c**

A blend of flaming rose and gold, prominent orange beard, giving effect of bright **salmon orange**. Heavy bloomer. M-28".

**LYCAENA** (Williamson '25) ★ **40c**

A dainty and bright **amoena**. Standards lavender-white; falls red violet. Striking. M-27".

**CAPRICE** ★ **40c; 3 for \$1.00**

An intense deep **lavender-pink**. Very floriferous. Delightful grape fragrance. M-20".

**BORDER IRIS COLLECTION**—1 *Rose Pearl* plus 2 each of the five marked ◇—a \$5.90 value for **\$4.95**

"Thou art the Iris, fair among the fairest, who armed with golden rod and winged with celestial azure, bearest the message of some god."—LONGFELLOW: Flower-de-Luce



# IRIS — To Greatly Lengthen Your Blooming Season

Hardy in every state. Shipped in Summer and Fall.

## Indispensable TABLE Iris — For Picturesque Arrangements

A distinct, very useful type of Iris not seen in most Iris gardens. They bloom with the Tails, but have shorter stems. The ideal consists of small flowers, gracefully arranged on slender stems; particularly adapted to table decoration. Rhizomes small.

**BENTON OLD MADRID** (Morris '47) ★ ★ \$3.00; 3 for \$6.00

From England comes this delightful, dainty, clear **orchid pink** with light yellow hafts and a narrow deep yellow beard. The graceful, narrow falls would almost indicate Regelia blood, but I have not as yet been able to learn its actual parentage. M—28".

**SISKIN** (Williamson '34) ★ 75c; 3 for \$2.00  
A dainty, pleasing flower in clear light **yellow**. M—24".

**ARIEL** (Murrel '24) ★ 60c; 3 for \$1.50  
A lovely **soft blue**, is one of my favorites. Combines wonderfully with the Border Iris Spring Delight, which blooms at same time. LM—18".

**LA BOHEMIENNE** (Millet and Fils '26) ★ 60c. 3 for \$1.50  
A sprightly **salmon pink**, delightfully blended and penciled. Gay in appearance, wide extended falls. M—16".

**CHEWINK** (Williamson '37) ★ 50c; 3 for \$1.25  
A charming miniature in silky light **lavender blue** with prominent yellow beard. Flaring falls give the flower a jaunty air. M—18".

**TITMOUSE** (Williamson '34) ★ 50c; 3 for \$1.25  
**Amber yellow** and cream, marbled and edged Hortense violet. M—28".

**KINGLET** (Williamson '34) ★ 40c; 3 for \$1.00  
A small **deep yellow**, on well-branched stems. Much admired and useful as cut flowers. M—28".

## Finish Your Iris Season with the AUTUMN BLOOMERS

Here are those remarkable Bearded Iris that bloom as usual in the spring, then give a repeat performance in the fall. Whereas they used to come only as low growers, now **many taller ones are appearing**. So we divide our offerings by height. Fall bloom is naturally more regular in warm southern gardens than in cold northern ones, but much depends on the treatment you give them. Our IRIS MANUAL gives quite a number of ways to encourage autumn bloom, even in the north.

### The TALLER Autumn Iris

**THANKSGIVING FIRELIGHT**—My 1950 Introduction, page 2. \$5.00

**SALLY ANN** (K. Smith '45) ★ ★ ★ Photo above. \$3.00; 3 for \$6.00

Of all the fall bloomers I have ever tried, this has the **largest flowers** and the **clearest color**—a beautiful even **yellow**, satiny in texture, sparkling in the sun as if dusted with gold. One of the most persistent of bloomers in the fall since, under favorable conditions, nearly every rhizome blooms. One of the few autumn bloomers that is large enough and good enough to hold its own in the spring when there are so many fine ones. Also, I know of no other Iris that can surpass the record of Sally Ann for 4½ weeks of continuous **spring** bloom. Very fragrant. E to LM—34".

**MARY VERNON** (McKee '41) ★ ★ HM'42, AM'45 \$2.00; 3 for \$5.00

"Unquestionably the best variegata in commerce," said G. L. Pilkington. Often **blooms again at Thanksgiving time**, and its colors are so appropriate for decorations at that season. Standards **burnished gold, falls ruby, margined gold**. See it in color in the book "The Iris", page 158. Has that rare quality of supplying sharp contrast in a most pleasing and harmonious way. Sets seed. M—36".

**AUTUMN SUNSET** (Lapham '39) ★ ★ \$1.50; 3 for \$3.00; 10 for \$9.00

One of the largest and most colorful of all Autumn Iris—standards light **bronzy pink**, dusted with gold; falls **crimson pink**, edged bronze. Here flows the blood of champions, for this was bred from two Dykes Medal winners, Rosy Wings and Rameses. 32".

**GERSDORFF-SASS HYBRID** ★ ★ \$1.50; 3 for \$3.00

The most unusual and stunning of all our fall bloomers, colored like Dresden china. A combination that is not duplicated even in the multitude of spring-blooming Iris. Standards smooth parchment, flushed mulberry. Falls mulberry-pink, overlaid on a parchment ground, and with a most striking lemon-yellow haft, beard and style crests. Fine large flowers on well-branched stalks. VE—28".

**FALL BEAUTY** (Weed '41) ★ ★ \$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

A dependable re-bloomer in very pleasing colors. Standards a subtle blend of lavender, bronze and buff. Falls semi-flaring, bright red violet; edged with bronze and gold. Lightly ruffled. Exceptionally good branching. E—34".

**AUTUMN FLAME** (H. P. Sass '41) \$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

Our finest variety for **early fall bloom**, giving a grand display in late September. A **large wine-red bitone**, with velvety falls. Fragrant. 30".

**SUNSET SERENADE** (J. Sass '43) HM'43, AM'45 \$1.00

Generally classed with Tall Bearded Iris. Such a persistent fall bloomer I list it here. Jacob Sass' one supreme seedling among thousands bred from Prairie Sunset. Standards **pure bright orange**, falls **reddish copper**, edged orange. Has pollen; sets seed. Already we have some dandy seedlings from this. M—34".

**TINT O'TAN** (Ayles '34) ★ 60c; 3 for \$1.50

A golden-tan washed with light pink and bronze. A unique feature is the tall erect style crests. ML—36".

**KANSAS INGLESIDE** (Hill '40) HM'47 50c; 3 for \$1.00; 10 for \$3.00

A warm-toned **bronzy red** with flaring falls. Reblooms late. ML—32".

**PEEWEE** (Williamson '34) ★ 50c; 3 for \$1.25

Flowers tiny and dainty, **pure white**. A real gem. EM—17".

**TOM TIT** (Bliss '19) ★ 40c; 3 for \$1.00

Dark **rich mulberry**, with flaring falls and fountain-like foliage. M—22".

**WARBLER** (Williamson '35) ★ 40c; 3 for \$1.00

An exceptionally floriferous clear yellow. M—24".

**TABLE IRIS COLLECTION**—5 varieties—*Benton Old Madrid, Chewink, Titmouse, Kinglet and Warbler*, a \$4.80 value for \$3.25



SALLY ANN—Autumn Bloomer

### The LOWER Autumn Iris

**GLAD SONG** (Sass '42) ★ ◇ \$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

The one and only yellow ground plicata in the reblooming class. Bred from the famous Tiffany. 24".

**ULTRA** (Sass '26) ★ HM'26 ◇ 50c; 3 for \$1.00

A very popular **ultramarine blue bitone**. Standards light violet blue, falls very flaring, deep blue violet. A heavy bloomer. E—20".

**SOUTHLAND** (Sass '34) ★ ★ AM'39 ◇ 50c; 3 for \$1.00

Usually listed as an autumn bloomer, but here it has flowered, despite repeated snowstorms, from **early December 'til April**, the amount of winter bloom varying in different years with the coldness of the weather. In very cold regions, I suspect it will flower only in spring, but even so, it will give you a grand display of brightest yellow. 22".

**BOUNTIFUL BLUE** (Hill-son '42) ◇ 50c; 3 for \$1.00; 10 for \$3.00

A dark blue violet, velvety falls, a contrasting yellow beard. A prolific bloomer. Nearly every plant has a flower stalk in the fall. Stalks often artistically curved, adapted to flower arrangements. 10".

**RADIANT** (Salbach '36) ★ HM'38 50c  
Standards golden bronze; falls **glowing copper-red**. Transmits its brilliance to its offspring. ML—29".

**AUTUMN HAZE** (Sass '34) ★ 50c; 3 for \$1.25

One of the largest. A mass of flowers in lavender and violet. M—29".

**SOUND MONEY** (Sass '34) ★ HM'36 40c; 3 for \$1.30

A fine low-grower; will make a carpet of bright yellow. E—10".

**AUTUMN SURPRISE** (Lane '28) ★ 40c; 3 for \$1.00

One of the very few **blue** fall bloomers. Colored a pretty light blue with a faint flush of lavender, and a golden beard. M—24".

**AUTUMN ELF** (Brown '35) HM'36 40c; 3 for \$1.00

Yes, an elf-like little Iris in **creamy white**, flushed lavender, and veined on haft in lilac and russet. Rebloomed throughout the summer and fall in the originator's garden in Massachusetts. 15".

**AUTUMN QUEEN** (H. Sass '26) 40c; 3 for \$1.00

Often **everblooming**, some flowers every month from **April to November**. A very **pure white**, like a dwarf Priscilla, with a white beard. 12".

**BLACK MAGIC** (Wayman '35) ◇ 40c; 3 for 80c

One of the surest of fall bloomers, with larger flowers than most of the inexpensive varieties in this class. A rich coloring. Standards deep purple; falls **velvety black**; unique lavender beard. 18".

**JEAN SIRET** (Andre '26) 40c. 3 for \$1.00

Reported from the East as being the **most persistent of fall bloomers**. A dainty little flower in light chrome **yellow, washed violet**. 7".

**SANGREAL** (J. Sass '35) 40c; 3 for \$1.00

A fine low-growing, reblooming light yellow, sometimes flowering in summer as well as in spring and fall. Orange beard. EM—26".

### Autumn Splendor Collections

**TALLER AUTUMN IRIS:** 2 *Autumn Sunset* and 1 each of *Sally Ann*, *Gersdorff-Sass Hybrid*, *Fall Beauty* and *Kansas Ingleside*

\$7.95

**LOWER AUTUMN IRIS:** 2 each of the 5 marked ◇, for \$4.95

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Try a few of these "so different" Iris

## SIBERIANS -- FOR POOLSIDE OR GARDEN

Of the easiest culture. Since they bloom so heavily they are unsurpassed for color masses as accent clumps in your mixed border; particularly effective near pools and lawns. The first price given under each variety is for the customary **single division**. I can also supply **clumps, equal to 3 or 4 divisions**, but in most cases at the cost of only 2. People realize clumps are easier to establish, give abundant bloom sooner, so most of the orders I fill are for clumps. Many of these originated in Canada; all are perfectly hardy. Wide choice offered this year.

### WHITES

**TUNKHANNOCK** (Shefy '45) ★ ★ ★ **\$3.50. Clump \$7.00**  
The newest Siberian in my collection, and by far the largest and finest white of all. Simply superb, with great widely-spreading broad falls. M—30".

**SNOWY EGRET** (Cleveland '38) ★ ★ **\$2.00; Clump \$5.00**  
One of the prettiest of all Siberians due to the unique ruffling of the large, exceptionally pure white petals. Falls bright yellow at the hafts. Tall and impressive. EM—36".

**SNOWCREST** (Gage '32) ★ **\$1.00; Clump \$2.00**  
A sparkling waxy snow-white, with beautifully frilled edges. A late bloomer, so fine for extending the season. LM—36".

**WHITE DOVE** (Cleveland '27) **75c; Clump \$1.50**

Tallest, most vigorous white, with golden throat. Flaring falls. EM—50".

**SNOW QUEEN** (Barr 1900) ★ **60c; Clump \$1.20**  
A rather low, late white with yellow signal. L—28".

### DARK BLUES AND VIOLETS

**NIGRESCENS** (VanHoutte) ★ ★ ★ **\$5.00; Clump \$10.00**

An extremely rare, very choice form with flowers almost jet-black. Infinitely valuable to hybridizers, as it gives dark velvets. Not available elsewhere. Again I can release only a few. M—28".

**TYCOON** (Cleveland '38) **\$3.00; Clump \$6.00**

So outstanding, was in color in Bulletin 95 and on cover of September '44 Flower Grower. The largest Siberian, richly colored in true violet. Now priced so you need wait no longer. M—34".

**TROPIC NIGHT** (Morgan '37) ★ ★ ★ **\$2.50, Clump \$5.00;**

**3 Clumps \$10.00.** A descendant of Nigrescens which has inherited much of the intensity of coloring of that variety. A violet-blue so deep it reminds one of some of the bulbous Dutch Iris. Large and handsome. M—36".

**CAESAR'S BROTHER** ★ ★ ★ **75c; Clump \$1.50. 3 Clumps \$3.00**

Here is one of my personal favorites and the one favored by many of our visitors over all other inexpensive varieties. A well-established clump of this is really spectacular, due to the masses of large dark violet flowers, very velvety, on four-foot stems. Really outstanding, and in great demand. One of the few moderately priced ones good enough to get my 3-star rating. EM—48".

**OTTAWA** (Preston '28) ★ ★ **75c; Clump \$1.50; 3 Clumps \$3.00**

Very unique. A very bright yet dark blue, with a white patch and blue veining. Falls well rounded, almost horizontal. EM—32"

**LADY NORTHCLIFFE** ★ **75c; Clump \$1.50**

A stylish looking rich, bright violet, almost as large as Tycoon. Falls large, broad, down-hanging. M—30".

**NORA DISTIN** (Perry '23) ★ **50c; Clump \$1.00; 3 Clumps \$2.00**

A dark blue-violet, veined white. A heavy bloomer. EM—26".

**ORIENTALIS** **50c. Clump \$1.00; 3 Clumps \$2.00**

Deep violet blue, attractive white eye, light yellow haft. M—28".

**ASSORTED HYBRIDS** **3 for \$1.25; 6 for \$2.00; 12 for \$3.25**

A mixture of hybrid Siberian seedlings, probably mostly in various shades of blue and violet.

### SIBERIAN COLLECTIONS

**PATRIOTIC TRIO**—Finest in red, white, and blue, as in photo, Eric the Red, Tunkhannock and Mountain Lake. A \$10.50 value, for \$7.95; Clumps of each for \$15.95.

**4-COLOR SPECIAL**—Red Emperor, Tunkhannock, Kootenay, and Caesar's Brother, a \$6.50 value, for \$5.25; Clumps for \$9.95.

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### MORE OPINIONS ON THE MANUAL

"I've read all the available books on Iris and the whole lot (Dykes included) don't give all that you do."—H.V.S., Long Beach, California.

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Patriotic Trio of Siberians

### TUNKHANNOCK

**ERIC THE RED** (Red) **MOUNTAIN LAKE** (Blue)  
(Red) (White)

### PINKS: RAREST COLOR IN SIBERIANS

**AHALYA** (Nesmith '32) ★ ★ **\$3.00; Clump \$6.00**

There are no true pinks as yet, and this is the closest I have found, and the earliest Siberian to bloom. A pale, pearly lilac pink with broad spreading falls. In great demand; becoming scarce. E—26".

**MRS. ROWE** (Perry) ★ **\$2.00; Clump \$4.00**

A dainty light lavender pink that is a very profuse bloomer. Beautiful in a vase when cut in bud stage. Blooms just after Ahalya. E to M—30".

**MRS. PERRY** (Perry) ★ **\$2.00; Clump \$4.00**

Very similar to Mrs. Rowe, but blooms later in the season. Together they give a very long season. The only Siberian I have seen with such pronounced decorative and strongly lacinated style arms. M to L—30".

### REDS

**ERIC THE RED** (Whitney '44) ★ ★ ★ AM '46 **\$4.00; Clump \$8.00;**

**3 Clumps \$16.00.** The reddest and best of Siberians. Immense flowers in glowing wine red with broad flaring falls. Floriferous. EM—36".

**HELEN ASTOR** (Whitney '38) HM '41, AM '42 **\$3.00; Clump \$6.00**

The one and only bright rosy red Siberian, and one you could hardly pass by if you were to see it in our garden. Large and exquisite, a real color break. The seed parent of Eric the Red. EM—30".

**RED EMPEROR** (Sturtevant '24) **\$1.25. Clump \$2.50; 3 Clumps \$6.50**

Quite unique; wine red, veined in blue. Exciting. M—28".

### LIGHT AND BRIGHT BLUES

**MOUNTAIN LAKE** (Gersdorff '38) HM '42, AM '44 **\$3.00**

A new beauty in bright sky blue, slightly ruffled. Very effective, due to its crisp, cool appearance. EM—36".

**COOL SPRING** (Kellogg '40) ★ ★ **\$2.00; Clump \$4.00. 3 Clumps \$8.00**

A novel and lovely coloring. Standards and styles pearly blue; falls stiffly horizontal, deep blue, blending out to the pearly blue of the standards. Flowers abundantly. EM—34".

**KINGFISHER BLUE** (Wallace '24) ★ **\$1.25; Clump \$2.50**

Our tallest Siberian, often reaching 5 feet under good conditions. A pretty light blue, veined in darker blue. EM 54".

**KOOTENAY** (Preston '32) **\$1.00; Clump \$2.00; 3 Clumps \$4.00**

The brightest blue of all! Exceptionally large flowers with nicely spreading rounded falls of excellent substance. EM—34".

**LLEWELYN** (Cleveland '29) ★ **\$1.00; Clump \$2.00**

A popular large, deep yet bright blue. Hafts of falls unique, bronzy buff. EM—36".

**NEW BLUE** ★ **\$1.00. Clump \$2.00**

A deep, bright blue that is always a favorite with our visitors. Large flowers with semi-spreading falls of good substance. EM—34".

**ACUTA** ★ (Native to Europe & Asia) **75c; Clump \$1.50**

The best dwarf Siberian. Soft, medium blue, with prominent white center and blue veins. E—12".

**SKY LARK** (Cleveland '23) **60c; Clump \$1.50**

A rather small, but pretty bitone. Standards narrow, erect, light violet. Falls medium blue, marked white. E—24".



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## WESTERN NATIVES--FOR NATURALISTIC EFFECTS

Hardy drought-resistant early bloomers

### RAINBOW IRIS (Douglasiana) ★ ★ ★

\$1.00; 3 for \$2.00; 10 for \$6.00

As variable in coloring as the Rainbow itself, is this lovely native of the California Redwood belt, with attractive broad, glossy leaves. Comes mixed in these colors: cream, lilac, pink, violet, purple. VE—8" to 20".

### DWARF RAINBOW IRIS (Tenax)

\$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

A more northern species much like Douglasiana but usually not quite as tall. Preferred for small rock gardens and low edgings. Available in mixed pink, buff, purple, lavender, and rose tones. VE—6" to 14".

### WESTERN GOLD IRIS (Innominata) ★ ★

\$1.25

A superb new native, just recently discovered, very rare. Perfect for corsages, delicate flower arrangements. Color usually between light yellow and orange, occasionally blue to lavender. VE—6".

### SIERRA IRIS (Hartwegi)

3 for \$1.10; 10 for \$3.00; 100 for \$20.00

Quaint and lovable are these natives from the high Sierras of California. Flowers yellow-cream, prettily veined. VE—4" to 12".

### CALIFORNIA DWARF IRIS (Macrosiphon)

3 for \$1.25; 10 for \$3.50

The lowest growing of all the natives and much sought where a real dwarf is needed. Usually lavender or deep blue. VE—2" to 8".

WESTERN NATIVES COLLECTION—2 each of all 5 for \$5.95

## TALL SPURIAS or BUTTERFLY IRIS

Butterfly Iris, blooming in early summer after most other kinds have passed on, are superb for tall accent clumps at rear of perennial borders. Also they make such inspiring cut flowers that florists use them extensively. Why not grow your own? Also fine for landscaping. Hardy throughout the United States.

### BLUE

#### A. J. BALFOUR (Barr) ★ ★

\$1.75; 3 for \$4.00

A very rare color among Spurias—a beautiful cambridge blue. Well formed flowers. One your neighbor does not have.

#### LORD WOLSELEY (Barr)

\$1.25; 3 for \$3.25

An unusual Spuria color—a stunning rich dark blue. Sold like wild-fire last year. Hope we have enough.

### YELLOW

#### SUNNY DAY (H. P. Sass '31) ★ ★ HM '36

\$1.25. 3 for \$2.50

I double-star this as I consider it the most perfect Spuria, and certainly the finest yellow, gleaming and tall. Very graceful.

AUREA (VanWaveren)

\$1; 3 for \$2

A brilliant, very fine yellow, petals slightly crinkled. Tall and very effective in the garden.

#### MONNIERI

3 for \$1.45; 12 for \$4

The best deep yellow for mass plantings and landscaping.

#### AUREA SEEDLINGS

3 for \$1; 10 for \$3

Probably mostly yellow.

### WHITE

#### OCHROLEUCA

3 for \$1.45. 12 for \$4

Popular white, with yellow signal in center. Fine for landscaping.

#### OCHROLEUCA SEEDLINGS

3 for \$1; 10 for \$3

Mostly not bloomed yet; will probably prove to be white.

## SPURIAS or Butterfly Iris

SPURIA COLLECTION—The 6 named ones, not seedlings, for \$5.95

## BEARDLESS SAMPLER COLLECTION

If beardless Iris are new to you, try this sampler collection to see what the different types are like. Then in later years you can get additional varieties of the types you like best. Eight fine varieties.

SIBERIANS: Caesar's Brother and Ottawa; NATIVES: Rainbow and Sierra; STYLOSAS: Gay and Common; SPURIAS: Sunny Day and Ochroleuca—a \$7.70 value, for \$5.95



Variation in form, color and markings in RAINBOW IRIS

## TRY STYLOSAS FOR WINTER BLOOM

Unique among Iris, for they flower periodically throughout late fall and winter, Oct. to March. Different ones excel at different times, so get a number of color forms. Not hurt by snow, but in coldest regions best grown in frames or pots. Stylosas are one of our specialties. We doubt if you will find so many fine forms in any other catalog in the world. Sometimes called Algerian Iris or Unguicularis. Clumps available as explained under Siberians.

### BRIDAL PINK STYLOSA ★ ★ ★

\$5.00; Clump \$10.00

A real rarity—in fact, so scarce I hesitate to catalog it this year, but do so in response to many requests. A pale orchid pink, so clear and lovely it could fittingly be used in a bridal bouquet. The most charming Stylosa I grow. Foliage low; flowers well above the leaves.

### GAY STYLOSA ★ ★

\$2.50; Clump \$5.00

Decidedly superior to common form: (1) Foliage lower, allowing flowers to stand out above it; (2) Blooms much more profusely; (3) A richer, deeper lavender-blue, almost violet. Ideal for rock garden, low edgings.

### LARGE FLOWERED STYLOSA ★ ★

\$2.50; Clump \$6.00

Flowers often 4 to 5 inches across, nearly twice the size of common form. Bright lavender blue, with deep yellow signal. Very fragrant. An exclusive offering, so much in demand I recently had to withdraw it and may have to do so again. You'll be delighted with this improved variety.

### WHITE STYLOSA (Alba)

\$2.00; Clump \$4.00

Pure white with a deep yellow signal patch. Rare, stock very limited.

### MARbled PURPLE and LAVENDER STYLOSA

\$1.00; Clump \$2.00

Clear lavender, marbled with radiating lines of rich, dark purple. Darkest, most unusual of the stylosas in our collection.

### COMMON STYLOSA

60c; Clump \$1.20; 5 Clumps \$5.00

Common lavender-blue form, used chiefly for massing.

STYLOSA COLLECTION, five kinds, all but the first, for \$7.95

A clump of each of these five for \$14.95

## PERMANENT LABELS

### How to Get Free Permanent Labels

These permanent labels are immensely popular. They are beautiful dark green Simplex labels with clear white lettering, long-lasting copper wires. Permanent labels free in the following cases:

(1) For all individual varieties valued at \$3.00 or more.

(2) Orders of \$20 or more, all varieties valued at \$1 or more.

BLANK LABELS. We can also supply blank Simplex labels you can make up yourself for your present varieties of Iris, roses, perennials, shrubs, fruit trees, etc. These are Simplex No. 31, green, 3" x 1/2" with heavy copper wires for attaching. Priced, postpaid, including metal-pointed stylus for lettering labels: \$2.75 per box of 100. Many customers are so pleased they order additional boxes for themselves or for gifts.

### Customers Like Simplex Labels

"Please send 100 more of the green Simplex labels immediately. They are wonderful."—Mrs. W.F.C., Yucaipa, California.

"A friend saw my green Simplex labels and likes them and can't find anything like it here. The best I have seen."—Mrs. A.J.N., Santa Rosa, California.

### Join the American Iris Society

Everyone who loves Iris should join the American Iris Society. You will receive helpful quarterly bulletins, with articles on culture, varieties, hybridizing, rare types and other subjects. Membership is \$3.50, which may be sent directly to American Iris Society, 444 Chestnut St., Nashville 10, Tennessee.



## Discover the Fascination of ONCO-BEARDED HYBRIDS

For years all of the famous "Mohrs" and other hybrids of *Oncocyclus* and Bearded Iris were lavender or purple—but now I am privileged to present the first members of a new race—"The Rainbow of Onco-Bearded Hybrids". Also known as: *Oncopogons*, *Oncobreds*, *Pogocyclus* and *Eupogocyclus*. Shipped summer or fall. Hardy in every state.

### THE FIRST OF THE BLUES

For several years word has been leaking out of two sensational new blue descendants of William Mohr in Prof. Jory's garden. Now I am able to offer them to you. Both are remarkable for their free blooming, vigorous growth, tall, well-branched stems and heavy foliage, characters that are difficult to incorporate in Onco-Bearded Hybrids.

**BLUE ELEGANCE** (Jory '48) ★ ★ ★ HM '49 \$15.00

A beautiful blue bitone. Big, rounded standards in clear **chicory blue** with prominent deeper blue veining. Large semi-flaring falls slightly deeper blue, also prominently veined in darker blue. Very large flowers displaying a degree of perfection seldom seen in any Iris. First prize, best seedling, California Spring Garden Show '48. Jesse Wills writes that it came through an exceptionally trying Tennessee winter in fine shape. Geddes Douglas reports in Bulletin 114 that he likes this the best of all the *Oncocyclus* derivatives he has seen. Has pollen, sets seed. E—40".

**MORNING BLUE** (Jory '48) ★ ★ ★ \$15.00

A lovely blue self with that Onco look—a flower of superb form, gigantic size, borne on the tallest stems of any Onco-Bearded Hybrid. My new photo shows you how the height and branching of the Tall Bearded have been combined with Onco flower form. Falls broad, semi-flaring, of good substance. A large, elegant new blue, very distinct from blues that do not have Onco influence. Harold I. Johnson gives this as his impression in Bulletin 112: "A massive light blue Onco hybrid which will afford competition for Blue Valley." Has pollen, sets seed. E—42".

**PEG DABAGH** (Craig '48) ★ ★ HM '48 \$12.50

A sensational addition to these new blues is this tall, vigorous hybrid from Tom Craig. Much deeper colored than the two Jory varieties, being a clear, rich violet-blue. So outstanding was introduced at \$35; received Honorable Mention that same year. E—40".

The following two, though reported as coming from Purissima x Susiana, do not exhibit Onco characteristics. However, such may appear in the next generation.

**FAIR ENOUGH** (White '35) ★ 50c

Silvery blue with crisp, glistening petals. Has long spring blooming period; may rebloom. E to M—38".

**EARLY MASS** (White '37) ★ 50c

A tall, well-branched blue bitone with standards slightly deeper than the light blue falls. E—48".

### BEWITCHING ORCHID-PINKS

**LAUREL HILL** (Plough '49) ★ ★ (Wm. Mohr x Old Home) \$10.00

The newest addition to this popular color class. A very colorful Iris, done in bright rosy lavender, with characteristic Onco veining. The Onco look is also apparent in the nicely rounded standards and falls. A very large flower, leathery substance, nicely flaring falls. Plant very hardy, taking cold winters and torrid summers in its stride. Yields no pollen, but is a good seed-setter; should be of great value to hybridizers. L—30".

### MORNING BLUE—Onco-Bearded



**ILLUSION** (Kleinsorge '43)

★ ★ HM '47 \$3.00

A captivating soft pastel—an ethereal and pearly orchid-pink that leaves one breathless. Flowers very large, well formed. Beard brown-tipped, ending in a highly novel crest. Exquisite, will bring forth plenty of Oh's and Ah's. (Ohmor x Red Cross.) VL—34".

**PRESENT** (White '41)

HM '47, AM '49 \$2.00

Like a triumphant queen is this tall, breath-taking new hybrid that retains the exotic charm of the Oncos. Soft alluring amethyst-pink, embroidered like handiwork of the East with a fine tracery of deep pink veins, set off by a blackish rose beauty spot at end of beard. E—32".

**SOME LOVE** (White '38) ★ ★ AM '40 \$1.00

Clarence White was much too modest when he named this to indicate that **SOME LOVE** it. Actually, **everyone adores it** and wants a start of it. One of the most delicately beautiful of all Iris, for its ivory ground color is besprinkled with pink and cinnamon like the egg of some rare bird. Perfectly hardy, thriving in Massachusetts. E—22".

### FASCINATING MULTI-COLORED BLENDS

**LADY MOHR** (Salbach '44) ★ ★ ★ HM '44, AM '46, S \$2.50; 3 for \$6.50

So very unique, I have this in my 1950 Novelties, page 28. And I now have the price down to where you need wait no longer. The "Lady" is the only Mohr possessing real fascination and blended in soft tints with **yellow** as the predominating color; thus she is a throw-back to her great grandparent, the exotic **Iris gatesii** from Asia Minor. She is colored in ethereal pastel tints. Standards oyster-shell white infused with the faintest tinge of lavender. Falls of bewitching seafoam yellow. Her carriage is regal, the form as perfect as we have seen—in fact, the goal of the hybridizers—beautifully cupped standards, large rounded falls, broad at the haft. The **whole appearance suggests the *Oncocyclus* ancestry**, and this is accentuated by a prominent cinnamon-mulberry beauty-spot around the beard. Unlike many of her kin, she is of giant size, stands a full yard in height and has as many as 5 or 6 of her enchanting flowers to a stem. Yet the appeal is not alone to the Iris lover, for this is coveted by more hybridizers than any other. While her grandparent William Mohr is nearly sterile, Lady Mohr is **abundantly fertile**, yielding good pollen and setting seed well. EM—36".

**PESHAWAR** (Schreiner '37) ★ AM '43 40c

Low-growing but appealing. Rich, velvety blackish purple, enriched with brown and powdered with silver.

### THE FIRST BRIGHT YELLOW

**DEEP BUTTERCUP** (Muhlestein '48) HC '47 \$2.00; 3 for \$5.00

From Brown Betty x Golden Eagle, so it has 1/4 Onco blood. Tall Bearded characters predominate; does not have the broad round falls, signal patch, nor characteristic Onco veining. Rather, it is admired as an intensely bright yellow self of very large size. Huge buds look like great gobs of yellow wax. On account of its hidden Onco makeup may cross more readily than straight Tall Bearded Iris with Oncos, Oncogelias, etc., and prove a stepping stone to bright yellows having the form of Lady Mohr. Sets seed. Pollen is extremely fertile, especially on Onco-Bearded Hybrids. Very fragrant. E—36".

### AMETHYST, MULBERRY AND BLUE-VIOLET

**CAPITOLA** (Reinelt '40) ★ ★ HM '47 (Wm. Mohr x Ib-mac) \$2.50

The demand for this is so great I am able to catalog it only every other year. The **very best** of all Onco-Bearded hybrids for hybridizing. The pollen-parent of **four** of our newest and finest Onco-Bearded Hybrids: Blue Elegance, Morning Blue, Peg Dabagh, and Lady Mohr. Valuable also as a garden subject, for it has colossal blooms of superb form in brilliant red violet. Does not set seed; when it has pollen it is highly fertile and useful. E—28".

**ALTAMOHR** (Paul '48) ★ \$2.50

A flaring orchid-violet of large size, between Grace Mohr and Elmohr in coloring. Falls heavily veined in maroon at haft. One of the tallest, best branched of the Mohrs, which is to be expected, as it is from Wm. Mohr x Alta California. L—32".

**ELMOHR** (Loomis '42) ★ ★ Dykes '45, S \$1.00; 3 for \$2.00

No Onco-Bearded Hybrid has ever achieved such enthusiastic popularity as has Elmohr. Visualize an enormous Iris of perfect form, draped in Bishop's purple robes of regal splendor. Now you can plant 3 and obtain a spectacular display without years of waiting.

**GRACE MOHR** (Jory '35) AM '39 75c; 3 for \$1.50

You'll be enthralled with this tall, gigantic beauty in pale lilac, veined in manganese violet. A William Mohr seedling in great demand.

**LADY LILFORD** (Foster '16) ★ 60c

Unlike most of these hybrids, this is one-half Onco; came from the direct cross of the Onco Paradoxa with the Bearded Iris Pallida. An unusual deep blackish violet with novel bronze-black beard. LM—28".

**NAZARIN** (Foster '13) ★ 50c

Also one-half Onco, from Pallida x Iberica. A novel bitone; smooth lavender standards; light red-violet falls with blackish signal. E—24".

**N. J. THOMAS** (Thomas-Thorup '44) 50c

A William Mohr seedling useful to hybridizers; yields fertile seeds. Standards deep lilac; falls mulberry. Good, rounded form. 36".

**MOHRSON** (White '35) 50c; 3 for \$1.25

A bold, ruffled blackish red-violet seedling of William Mohr; as huge as that famous parent, but much taller. Sets seed, has pollen.



# The Iris Rainbow

PINKS—The Orchid Pinks—The Pastel Pinks—The Deep Pinks and Rose—The Pink Bi-colors  
 REDS—The Crimson Reds—The Dark Scarlets—The Orange Scarlets—The Red Bi-colors  
 BRONZE—Bronze and Copper—Buff and Brown—Hues of Orange  
 YELLOWS—Enriched with Brown—Bright and Deep—Soft and light—Creams  
 WHITES—White ground plicatas—Yellow ground plicatas  
 PLOCATAS—With yellow influence—The Pure Whites—With lavender influence  
 BLUES—Sky blue tones—Medium and Deep Blues—The blue Bi-colors  
 VIOLETS—The Rich Violets—Violet Bi-colors—The Royal Purples  
 LAVENDER—Lavender and Mauve—Lavender Bi-colors

PRESENTING  
 226 TALL BEARDED IRIS  
 TO REPRESENT A LIVING SPECTRUM  
 IN RHYTHMIC TRANSITION FROM COLOR TO COLOR

## TODAY'S 5 MOST HONORED VARIETIES

While my variety descriptions always include mention of the latest honors given the different varieties (as explained on page 2), I feel that it will be distinctly helpful to you to have brought together in one place those varieties that have won the principal honors since my last catalog was printed, and that were rated the highest in the latest voting of the 249 experienced judges of the American Iris Society. Without a doubt, the following five varieties represent the very latest approved advances of the Iris breeders. To have all five of them in your garden is to be really up-to-date.

Helen McGregor—1949 Dykes Medal—Page 21.

Blue Rhythm—Runner-up for Dykes Medal—Page 21.

Cherie—Highest ranking in 1949 Awards of Merit—Page 14.

Blue Valley—Next to the top in Awards of Merit—Page 21.

Ola Kala—Leader in Symposium 1947, 1948 and 1949—Page 18.

I also offer the following outstanding varieties that rated near the top in the 1949 voting for the Dykes Medal, the Award of Merit, or Honorable Mention: Lady Mohr, p. 12. Bryce Canyon, p. 17; Amandine, p. 19; Cloud Castle, p. 21; Three Oaks, p. 15; Blue Elegance, p. 12.

## ARRANGEMENT OF VARIETIES

You will find my unique arrangement of varieties by color and season of bloom a great help (1) in comparing similar varieties and deciding which to buy, (2) in planning your garden for color harmonies and continuity of bloom. Also, many like to arrange their varieties in the garden in the same order in which I list them, so as to create a gorgeous Iris Rainbow.

## THE ORCHID-PINKS

Pinks with an Orchid-Like Infusion of Lavender or Lilac

### MIDSEASON

**LYNN LANGFORD** (D. Hall '46) ★ HC'45, HM'46, S \$5.00

A luscious deep heliotrope-pink, made even more colorful by a vivid orange-yellow beard and a generous out-pouring of golden yellow from the center of the flower onto the hafts, like gold epaulets. A smooth, silky finish and heavy substance help in making this a flower of refinement that retains its trim appearance for a considerable period. Fine, large flowers, on strong, nicely-branched stems. M—36".

**MANYUSYA** (J. Sass '44) ★ \$1.50

A descendant of the famous No-we-ta, but much larger and taller. A light pink sought for the clearness and purity of its coloring, and for its delightfully frilled and ruffled form. Delicately scented. M—34".

**MISS CALIFORNIA** (Salbach '37) HM'38 50c. 3 for \$1.25

A tall, very large pink greatly admired by our visitors. A lovely shade of amaranth pink, with just a hint of lilac. Very fragrant. EM—48".

**PINK OPAL** (J. Sass '34) 50c. 3 for \$1.25

Finest of the inexpensive pinks. A tall, clear, pink self, with the faintest tinge of lavender. M—38".



**CHANTILLY**—Orchid Pink

**CHANTILLY** (D. Hall '45) ★ ★ HM'45, AM'47, S \$3.50

I choose this as the most distinctive and amazing of the various Iris that are ruffled and crinkled to various degrees. The petals have an edging of the heaviest ruffling and frilling of any Iris I have ever seen, and appear as if adorned with lace. The coloring is a luscious orchid-pink. Comes from the same line of breeding as Hall's famous Flamingo pinks with tangerine-beards; very likely carries a recessive character for this type of beard. A wonderful parent; I look for some very novel, decorative offspring. M—36".

**RIDING HIGH** (Lapham '40) 50c. 3 for \$1.25

A striking deep velvety amethyst pink. One your neighbors do not have. Richly perfumed. Pollen abundant. Sets seed. M—32".

### LATE

**PINK CLOUD** (Fay '46) \$2.50; 3 for \$6.50

A very new, delightful soft orchid pink lightening in a beautiful way to white in the center of the flower, and set off by a glowing yellow beard. Well-branched stalks, good substance. From the handiwork of Orville Fay, a breeder who is just stepping into prominence with other outstanding creations like New Snow and New Horizon. M—40".

**ORCHID LADY** (Salbach '43) 75c. 3 for \$2.00; 10 for \$6.00

Notable for size of flowers, thick substance, flaring falls, exquisite coloring. Superb, both in the garden and for exhibitions. The faint undertone of brown gives the pink tone prize-winning richness, especially under electric light. Delightfully fragrant. L—34".

*"So down from Heaven fair Iris flies, On saffron wings imperaled with dews,  
 That flash against the sunlit skies, A thousand variegated hues."—VIRGIL: Aenid.*



## THE PASTEL PINKS

Lightly Tinted Beauties.

### EARLY

- ROSE OF ENGLAND** (B. R. Long) Bronze Medal, England \$3.00  
Long has been the search for a pink without blue and here is England's first contender, from B. R. Long. A lovely clear, light pink with nicely formed flowers and low-branched stalks. Always calls forth great admiration. E—30".
- MISTY ROSE** (Mitchell '43) \$1.00; 3 for \$2.00. 10 for \$6.00  
A pink so distinct that it will not properly fit in any regular color class. Standards a pleasing silvery or pearly pink; falls flushed vinaceous rose. Flowers very large. A good seed-parent for either pinks or plicatas. Delicately scented. EM—36".

### MIDSEASON

- DAYBREAK** (Kleinsorge '41) ★ ★ S \$1.25; 3 for \$2.50  
Tied Dykes '46. Remember the pink, gold and coppery tints that light up the horizon at daybreak and you will have a perfect picture of this Iris that has risen so high in popular esteem. Huge, perfectly formed, with excellent branching. Slightly ruffled, very fragrant. Sets seed; has pollen. M—38".
- TAPESTRY ROSE** (D. Hall '42) HC'41, HM'42 \$1.00; 3 for \$2.00  
An exquisite old rose blend, like a misty vision of rose-colored tapestry. An unusual type needed in every garden as a welcome relief from the usual repetition of sharp bold colors. Try it to bring harmony to your color scheme. Fragrant. M—38".

- REMEMBRANCE** (D. Hall '42) HM'43, AM'44, S \$1.00  
Best of the famous David Hall golden pink blends, a lovely soft pink of flaring form, much admired by judges and amateurs alike. A vigorous grower of good substance. Pollen abundant. M—38".
- EL MOROCCO** (Becherer '45) ★ \$1.00  
An attractive opal-pink that gets attention because of the exceptional leather-like substance of its petals and its broad, nicely rounded falls. Fine, large flowers on well-branched stems. M—38".
- CHINA MAID** (Milliken '36) AM'39, S 75c; 3 for \$1.50. 10 for \$4.50  
A lovely light pink, standards and falls bordered gold. Well known and so well liked that it is one of our fastest selling pinks. Hardy. Fragrant. Pollen abundant. Sets seed. Has given rise to two fine new ones, Tea Rose and Country Lass. M—40".

- PINK MARVEL** (Lapham '41) ★ 75c  
A luscious creamy pink exceptional for the abundance of its flowers. A vigorous grower and a rapid increaser. Sets seed. M—39".
- MOROCCO ROSE** (Loomis '37) 60c; 3 for \$1.50; 10 for \$4.80  
Best inexpensive pink for hybridizers. Carries a recessive (hidden) genetic factor for tangerine beard. A huge rose-pink of unquestioned hardiness. M—38".

### LATE

- PINK REFLECTION** (P. Cook '42) HM'42, AM'44 \$1.50  
Elegant and nymph-like is this lovely blend of pink and creamy gold with widely flaring falls. Has a fresh, crisp quality that makes the flowers hold up when others collapse under unfavorable weather. Reported to set seed freely. Delicately scented. A late one you can enjoy after most others are on the wane. L—36".
- ELIZABETH ANN** (Lapham '40) ★ 75c; 3 for \$2.00; 10 for \$6.00  
A delightful creamy pink, exceptional for height and number of flowers per stalk, as many as 11. Extremely late; will prolong your Iris season several weeks. Rhizomes small. VL—40".

## TANGERINE-BEARDED PINKS

The Famous Flamingo and Seashell Pinks from eight specialists.

### EARLY

- PINK TOWER** (Muhlestein '48) ★ ★ CC'47 \$7.50  
A new arrival in this most popular color class, and probably the largest and tallest of them all. Comes from Golden Eagle x SQ 72. While it resembles the latter, it has a deeper color and better form. The beard is bright geranium red, rather than tangerine, and is most becoming on the shell-pink falls. A stunning, exotic flower, that will add an air of distinction to your garden. EM—40".

### MIDSEASON

- COURTIER** (D. Hall '47) HC'44 \$6.00  
Most of the tangerine-bearded pinks are in the pastel tints, but here is the deepest and richest colored of all of Hall's flamingo pinks. Enhanced by a fiery tangerine beard and nicely ruffled standards. Fully winter hardy. Sets seed, yields viable pollen, so here is your chance to try for a world-beater. M—30".
- PINK LACE** (H. P. Sass '45) \$4.00; 3 for \$8.00; 10 for \$24.00  
Finest of Sass pink creations, derived from Flora Zenor. A luscious salmon pink with a startling tangerine beard. Has the distinctive pink buds. Will add an entirely new color note to your garden. Flowers medium sized, quite charming. Has the strongest tendency for reblooming in late summer or fall of any of the tangerine bearded pinks. M—36".
- MELITZA** (Nesmith '40) HM'40, AM'42 75c. 3 for \$2; 10 for \$6  
A tall pinkish-ivory, with a touch of pale salmon, set off by a vivid pinkish-tangerine beard. A good parent both ways. Vigorous in growth, and transmits this character to its offspring. M—40".

**BARBARA LUDDY** (Lapham '47) ★ HC'46, HM'47 \$8.00

A delectable new saffrano or buff pink with a distinctive touch of ivory near the haft and around the very broad, very red tangerine beard. Unlike many of the new pinks, this has sufficient depth of color to give it excellent garden value. The branching is splendid, as is the even placement of the flowers. The stalks are exceptionally tall and strong. Comes from Spindrift x Melitza. M—38".

**CHERIE** (D. Hall '47) ★ ★ ★ HM'47, AM'49, S \$18.00

Pink loveliness unsurpassed! In fact, in the very short time since its introduction Cherie has become the standard by which all other pink Iris are compared. It is my personal favorite of all Tall Bearded Iris. So outstanding that the American Iris Society illustrated it in color in Bulletin 109. A delightful light flamingo pink of remarkable purity of tone. Large, beautifully ruffled flowers of excellent form and gracefulness.

Recent Iris literature abounds with praises of Cherie. Here are two examples. Sam Caldwell: "Cherie has certainly established a difficult standard to surpass." H. J. Randall: "Cherie has such refinement and perfection of shape that one finds it difficult to imagine anything better." As useful to the hybridizer as to the Iris fancier, for it sets seed and yields abundant very fertile pollen. EM—32".

**HIT PARADE** (Hall '47) ★ \$6.00

An enchanting flamingo pink with a tangerine beard, from the famous Hall garden. Resembles Courtier, but has a larger flower and a slightly lighter color, somewhat deeper in tone than Flordora. Prettily ruffled flowers of good form and substance carried on well-branched stems. A free bloomer, a rapid increaser. M—34".

**FLORA ZENOR** (J. Sass '42) AM'44 75c; 3 for \$1.50; 10 for \$4.50

Will bring a thrill to flower lovers who wish to sample the new tangerine-bearded pinks but cannot stretch their flower budgets to include the latest arrivals. Flowers of only medium size, but possessing a fascination derived from the totally new color—a melting pink like the foam of a strawberry soda. Pollen abundant. M—40".

### LATE

**EDWARD OF WINDSOR** (Morris '45) ★ ★ \$10.00

Here is that famous tangerine-bearded pink that has been heralded as the most remarkable color-break evolved in England. It is a phenomenal bloomer and seed-setter, and though it has defects itself, it is proving to be a wonderful seed-parent. Already Sir Cedric Morris has produced from it four splendid new clear-colored tangerine-bearded pinks, the most noteworthy being Strathmore, which I expect to have for you in a year or two. Pollen sometimes scarce, but I have often found it to be plentiful and highly fertile. Being used by hybridizers in all parts of the country to introduce blood of a tangerine-bearded pink of wholly different origin from American varieties of this type. Standards light flesh pink. Falls pale buff pink, with markings of deeper buff pink, of remarkable substance and having the best flare of any of the tangerine-bearded pinks. ML—28".

**SPINDRIFT** (Loomis '44) HM'45, S \$2.00

An exciting tangerine-bearded seashell or coral pink that is the best buy in this class for the great number of Iris fans who crave the new colors but cannot afford the very latest creations. Many have declared that if they could have but one Iris it would be Spindrift. Imagine the excitement it will cause in your neighborhood. In 1949 it was the best seed-setter in our entire garden (see seedpod photo, page 6). Also an excellent pollen parent, and is known to transmit its tangerine beard to its progeny. Thus it is a "must" for both the Iris lover and hybridizer. ML—36".

## THE PINK PLICATAS

New Arrivals in the Iris World

### MIDSEASON

**LOVE AFFAIR** (Mitchell '46) \$1.50

The best white plicata decorated in true pink that we have ever grown. Standards flushed and stippled rose pink; falls broadly edged with the same color. Admired by the many who prefer the subtle charm of the new plicatas to the bolder styles of Iris in solid colors. Flowers carried gracefully on low-branched stalks. M—34".

**GOOD FORTUNE** (Mitchell '45) \$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

A beautifully finished plicata having a white ground edged and decorated in lilac-pink. Stalks exceptionally tall and well branched, displaying the blooms to fine advantage. M—38".

### LATE

**BENTON RUBEO** (Morris '46) \$2.50; 3 for \$6.50

One of the most striking of the English plicatas. Standards creamy yellow, flushed deep lilac-pink; falls white, stitched around the edge in fuschia-red and pink. Very decorative. ML—32".

**ROSE TOP** (H. P. Sass '43) ★ ★ HM'43 \$2.00. 3 for \$4.00

A very pleasing new color combination of vivid rosy pink needle-pointing on a creamy yellow ground. An Iris with a merry and enticing personality. Large, beautifully ruffled. So outstanding it was introduced at \$20.00. Just what you need to bring renewed life to your garden as the other varieties begin to say good-by. Ambrosial fragrance. L—32".



## THE ROSE PINKS

The Deeper and More Intense Shades.

### MIDSEASON

**THREE OAKS** (Whiting '43) ★ ★ ★ HM'45, AM'49, S \$2.50, 3 for \$6.50  
Outstanding and distinctly unique is this impressive rich Corinthian red or deep rose blend, overlaid with rosy copper. Interest heightened by a **striking blue spotlight in the center of each fall**. An Iris that will hold its own even in the illustrious company of its namesake garden, that of a real Irisarian, Mrs. Louise Blake, at Spartanburg, S. C. The **only** moderately-priced pink receiving the much-coveted **Award of Merit** in 1949. I **recommend this highly as a parent for producing some brilliant new ones**. Already its pollen on Amaranth has yielded the vivid Campfire Glow. Now you try it. M—40".

**EVENLODE** (Spender) \$1.00; 3 for \$2.00

A **deep mulberry-pink** from England. An exceptionally heavy bloomer, usually having at least eight flowers per stalk, so it soon makes a clump that is a mass of color. M—30".

**MULBERRY ROSE** (Schreiner '41) AM'44, S \$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

An Iris of **dazzling brilliance**, and a color totally unlike that of any other Iris—a lovely mulberry-rose. Large flowers on tall stalks make this very impressive. Has pollen and sets seed. M—40".

**RED AMBER** (Loomis '42) HM'43 \$1.00

More pink than red is this most harmonious blending of deep pink and copper. Standards Jasper pink; falls a medley of old rose, Eugenia red and burnished copper. If you like Rosy Wings here is a larger and finer version. Exceptional substance, well rounded flowers, a particularly inviting variety. A good breeder. M—38".

**INSPIRATION** (Burgess '37) ★ ★ \$1.00

An Iris of phenomenal and well-deserved popularity. An immense bright, very deep pink, almost a crimson, of remarkable heavy weather-resisting substance. Petals sparkle as if dusted with gold. Only recently introduced from New Zealand. This country is just awakening to what it has missed. Yields pollen that is very fertile (even on William Mohr) and is one of our best seed-setters. At least one descendant has already been named, the promising new Winston Churchill. One you just can't pass by. M—38".

**OLD ROSE** (Salbach '40) 75c

One of the tallest, most beautiful. Flowers very large, bright "old rose" color, shading to deep Pompeian red near the haft. Try this, and watch your visitors stand in admiration. Pleasingly fragrant. EM—40".

**HARTFORD** (Salbach '38) 50c; 3 for \$1.25

The appeal of this Iris is due to the bronzy pink standards and strawberry red falls, both somewhat frilled. Striking, ideally branched. M—38".

### LATE

**BENTON TAPESTRY** (Morris '46) ★ \$3.00

A stunning English origination in deep yet soft pink that shimmers in the sun as if dusted with gold. Hafts ivory-cream, with prominent dark red veins carrying down through the pink falls with reduced intensity. The whole effect is that of rich tapestry, quite unlike that of other varieties. ML—32".

**LIGHTHOUSE** (Salbach '36) AM'40 50c; 3 for \$1.25

An Iris in deepest rose, radiating a strong golden glow from within, making the name instantly evident. In such demand among our visitors that in most years I do not have enough left to catalog. Sets seed. Ample pollen. L—36".

## PINK BITONES, BICOLORS AND BLENDS

Pleasing Color Combinations Attuned by Nature Herself.

### MIDSEASON

**EASTER BONNET**—See Novelties, page 28. \$2.25

**SANTA ROSA** (Mitchell '43) ★ ★ \$1.50; 3 for \$3.00; 10 for \$9.00

A charming new pink, liked as it is so different from commoner pinks of uniform coloring. Standards of **melting ivory pink**, falls of rather deep rose. One of the largest, tallest of the pinks, flowering over an exceptionally long period. Almost certain to be one your neighbor does not have. **Among most fragrant of pinks**. Pollen abundant. EM—M—40".

### LATE

**NANCY HARDISON** (G. Douglas '45) ★ HC'43 \$3.50

An exquisite and unexpected blending of pastel colors that sparkle in the sun like golden crystals. Standards arched and ruffled, done in soft ochre-yellow with shadings of peach. Falls nicely flaring, broad and well-rounded, tinted peach-pink, with ochre-yellow in the heart of the flower. An Iris of rare charm, for a choice spot in your garden. Fragrant. ML—36".

**ROSELAND** (D. Hall '39) ★ 75c

A very large bitone, with glistening opalescent pink standards and sharply contrasting very deep rose falls having a neat light edging to match standards. L—38".



RANGER—Crimson Self

## RED SELFS AND NEAR SELFS

In Hues of Crimson and Scarlet.

### MIDSEASON

**FLAMING FIRE**—Our 1950 Sass Introduction—See page 2. \$5.00

**SOLID MAHOGANY** (J. Sass '44) ★ ★ HM'44, AM'47, S \$3.00

An imposing beauty in rich, dark tones of crimson. A large flower elegantly formed, smoothly finished and heavily textured. An article in the July '48 AIS Bulletin by the late Elias Nelson compared most of the recent reds and concluded: "**Solid Mahogany combines virtually all desirable qualities**, and I regard it as the best in the group." Think how stunning it would be in a prominent spot in your garden. E to M—36".

**SULTAN'S ROBE** (Salbach '45) HM'46 \$3.00

A magnificent oriental masterpiece in red, copper and gold. Like an oriental rug, both in its rich coloration, and in the thickness of its petals. Transmits this heavy substance and good form to its progeny, often exotic flowers with a blue blaze, or sometimes blends of remarkable brilliance. M—34".

**RED VALOR** (Nichols '39) AM'43 S \$1.50; 3 for \$3; 10 for \$9

Gold Medall, Rome '40. A grand garnet red, glowing jewel-like in the sun. Tall, imposing, with ideally formed flowers having domed standards and flaring falls. Exceptionally heavy substance and good low branching help to make this variety an all around favorite. Rich grape fragrance. M—38".

**RED GLEAM** (Lapham '39) ★ ★ HM'40, AM'41 75c; 3 for \$2; 10 for \$6

My selection as the best moderately-priced red. Bred from a long line of champions, is the culmination of purposeful breeding started 20 years ago. A rich, dark, slightly scarlet red, particularly admired for its velvety falls. Ample pollen. Sets seed. Already it has yielded Wakarusa and the fiery Frank Pugliese. M—34".

**RED VELVET** (Kleinsorge '39) \$1.00

One of the finest, largest, truest reds in existence today. Like the famous The Red Douglas but **even redder**. Imagine the petals cut from richest of red velvet. Standards vivid Vandyke red, falls velvety oxblood red. Fine low branching. Not generally available, so it will be unique in your garden. Very fragrant. Pollen abundant. M—36".

**CHRISTABEL** (Lapham '36) HM'36, AM'38 50c; 3 for \$1.25

One of the finest of the inexpensive reds. A glowing coppery-red, slightly lighter in the standards. M—36".

### LATE

**RANGER** (Kleinsorge '43) ★ ★ ★ HM'44, AM'46, S \$2.00

In our latest tests this proved to be one of the very finest reds in our entire garden. A very large true crimson self, with striking cone-shaped standards. Has real character and quality, such as to make it stand out in any company of good reds. Stunning, harmonizing bronze beard. **Will be a highlight of your late Iris garden**. Blooms heavily; has fine straight, well-branched stems. L—36". Photo above.

**GARDEN FLAME** (H. P. Sass '43) ★ HM'40, AM'43 \$1.00

A superb garnet red, sometimes described as rich rosy mahogany. The lack of the usual haft markings makes it one of the handsomest of dark reds. Large flowers with very broad falls. ML—32".

RED SELFS—Continued on next page



**REDWARD** (Cook '42) HM'45

A vivid and striking crimson or amaranth red, picked by some experts as the best of the moderate-priced reds. Comes on about midseason, and from then on is often a center of attraction in the garden. Large, well-formed flowers, with stiff, flaring falls. Very fragrant. ML—32".

\$3.00; 3 for \$7.50

**EDWARD LAPHAM** (Lapham '42) HM'40

\$2.00; 3 for \$4; 10 for \$12

This is among the reddest Iris in existence today. Unlike most reds, which have materially lighter standards, this is a true dark red self of uniform coloring. Courtly and trim, this will stand up with the best of them. Pollen abundant. ML—34".

**THE RED DOUGLAS** (J. Sass '37) Dykes '41, S

75c; 3 for \$2; 10 for \$6

A Dykes Medal Winner that can now take its place in everyone's garden. Simply gorgeous, richly deserving all the honors that have been heaped upon it. An immense dark crimson, with a heavy plush-like quality. Delightfully fragrant. ML—38".

**SOUTHERN CROSS** (Burgess '40) ★

60c

A huge auburn red, was a sensation in New Zealand; now available here. L—34".

**HARMONIZING RED BICOLORS AND BLENDS**

Scarlet and Coppery Orange, or Crimson and Blue or Lavender.

**EARLY**

**ETHELYN KLEITZ** (Gage '40) HM'38

60c; 3 for \$1.20; 10 for \$3.60

Luminous and appealing is this early blooming blend of raspberry red and golden tan. For those who like the lighter and brighter reds; close to a deep pink. Very distinctive. Delicately scented. EM—36".

**MIDSEASON**

**GOLD HILL** (Miller '41)

\$1.00; 3 for \$2.00; 10 for \$6.00

Colored much like the famous Radiant, this is larger, taller. Standards in burnished gold. falls chestnut red. Sometimes reblooms in fall. M—32".

**GRAND CANYON** (Kleinsorge '41) AM'44, S

75c; 3 for \$2.00; 10 for \$6.00

Like the Grand Canyon itself, this has ever-changing shades of soft crimson, plum and blue—beauty such as this stupendous gorge displays when the sun peaks through a thunder cloud and shines upon a sunken mountain peak. You'll find Grand Canyon an Iris particularly adapted for fascinating bouquets and floral designs. Even the foliage is beautiful, and very unusual, carrying the smoky blue and soft crimson tones of the flower over to the leaf bases. I know of no other Iris at this price that will add so much individuality to your garden. M—40".

**ORANGE FLAME** (Salbach '40) ★

60c; 3 for \$1.50; 10 for \$4.80

A dandy from Salbach. Bred from Copper Luster x Radiant, you can imagine the brilliance of orange flame coloring that resulted. Standards burnished orange. Falls gleaming with one of the best approaches to true scarlet yet attained. M—34".

**PORTLAND** (Kleinsorge '38)

60c; 3 for \$1.50; 10 for \$4.80

A tall, bright Iris very effective for backgrounds. Standards frosty gold, falls coral rose. Large and showy. M—45".

**LATE**

**RADIANT KNIGHT** (Salbach '42) ★

75c

A descendant of Radiant that has much the same intense coloring, but is much larger, taller and blooms very much later. Standards bronzy orange. Falls rich coppery orange. Blooms large, long-lasting, do not fade. Be sure to get several of these useful, very late varieties to lengthen out your blooming season. VL—36".

**THE VIVID RED PLICATAS**

Bringing New Brilliance to the Plicata Class.

**MIDSEASON**

**MAGIC CARPET** (Schreiner '42) ★ ★ \$2.00; 3 for \$4.00; 10 for \$12.00

My favorite of plicatas because it is the most vivid and resplendent of them all. Picture tawny bronze standards quaintly flecked in rose and cinnamon, glistening in the sun—and gold cream falls rioting with rippling waves of deepest rose. Very decorative, wholly different. ML—32".

**ROYAL SCOT** (D. Hall '44) ★ HM'44

\$1.00

Yes, an Iris marked in red "plaid", like Scotch kilts. Ground-color light yellow, so heavily stippled with deep amaranth red that from a distance it gives a red effect. Occasionally blooms again in the fall. M—36".

**CONTRASTING RED BICOLORS**

Bold Variegatas in Red and Yellow.

**MIDSEASON**

**HIGH COMMAND**—Very fine. See Novelties, page 28.

\$3.00

**CASQUE D'OR** (J. Sass '37) ★ HM'37

75c

Stunning and different is this combination of ruffled deep gold standards and contrasting falls of blackish maroon, neatly bordered in gold. Well worth trying in hybridizing. ML—36".

**LATE**

**EXTRAVAGANZA** (G. Douglas '44) ★ ★ HM'44, AM'47, S \$6; 3 for \$12

The most outstanding of all amoenas, and considered by many to be the finest Iris yet released by Geddes Douglas. Here is contrast in de luxe form—standards rich ivory cream, boldly displayed above falls that are an intriguing blending of iridescent copper, red, lavender and violet, with a violet sheen down the center. Style crests primrose, marbled in red. Very late; a superb variety to climax your Iris blooming season. Transmits this late blooming habit to its progeny. Has no pollen, but sets seed. Fragrant. VL—40".



**CASA MORENA**—Coppery Brown

**PERSIAN PRINCE** (H. P. Sass '41) HM'42

75c; 3 for \$2; 10 for \$6

A stunning variegata bedecked in royal robes, like a Prince of Persia. Brilliant yellow standards defiantly contrasting with dark red falls. An improvement in both flower and in plant vigor over the ever-popular City of Lincoln from same originator. ML—38".

**CITY OF LINCOLN** (H. P. Sass '37) HM'38, AM'39, S

50c; 3 for \$1.25

Dramatic, resplendent, until recently the ace of variegatas. Visualize rich yellow standards flaunted above bright red falls. ML—38".

**BRONZE AND COPPER BLENDS**

Superb New Color Minglings.

**MIDSEASON**

**COPPER RIVER** (DeForest '45)

\$4.00; 3 for \$8.00

Behold a beautifully ruffled flower in glistening tan, overlaid with tones of hammered copper. Flaring falls, splendid branching, and an attractive sheen all contribute to produce a flower to excite your admiration. A fine parent, already having the new arrival Lockwood to its credit. Fragrant. M—36".

**JULIET** (Kleinsorge '46) ★ ★ ★ HM'47

\$3.00; 3 for \$6; 10 for \$18

My personal favorite of all Iris in bronze and copper. An offspring of Prairie Sunset with even brighter flame-copper, salmon, and burnt-orange shadings. Falls are glowing copper, with contrasting bright yellow hafts greatly brightening up the whole flower. Increases rapidly, soon makes a clump that is the center of attraction. Abundant pollen, sets seed heavily. Juliet excites the admiration of visitors as do few other Iris. M—36".

**CASA MORENA** (DeForest '43) ★ ★ ★ HM'44, AM'46, S \$2; 3 for \$4

An extremely large Iris with amazingly rich even coloring that does not fade—an intense coppery chestnut brown, glowing like an ember. The heavy substance withstands wind, sun and rain. A vigorous grower, blooming regularly. Has very fertile pollen and is one of the best seed-setters I have encountered. Among its most recent descendants are Orelia and Lockwood. Pollen so fertile it will even produce seeds on William Mohr. M—38". Photo above.

**BRONZED COPPER** (Kleinsorge '43) ★ ★ \$1.00 3 for \$2.50. 10 for \$8.00

Visitors gasp with amazement and admiration when they see the colors displayed by this flamboyant Iris. Standards garnet brown and amber; falls rich reddish copper, enhanced by a central splash of brilliant peacock blue. Sets seed well. M—30".

**AZTEC COPPER** (Kleinsorge '39) ★ ★ HM'40 75c; 3 for \$2; 10 for \$6

A huge flower, effectively blending rich coppers and smoky violet of the Aztec Indians into a harmonious whole. Very useful for hybridizing. Its progeny include such top-flight releases as Tobacco Road, Bataan, Cape Bon and Ormaco. Delightfully scented. M—38".



**LATE**  
**BYRCE CANYON** (Kleinsorge '44) ★ ★ HM'45, AM'47, S \$3.50  
 The highest ranking of all Iris in bronze and copper. Has been among the top few considered for the Dykes Medal the past two years. Those who have visited Bryce Canyon National Park, with its castles and Minarets hewn by the elements out of "the most colorful rock formation on the face of the earth", will be astonished that nature bestowed the same scintillating terra cotta coloring on this floral masterpiece. At sunrise, and again at sunset, both the canyon and its namesake Iris glow at their best. New though it is, its descendants are beginning to appear, Cordovan and General Patton. Its seedlings usually are of high quality. ML—36".

### BUFF AND BROWN BEAUTIES

Try These for the Attraction of the Unusual.

**MIDSEASON**  
**CHAMOIS** (Kleinsorge '44) ★ ★ HM'45, AM'48, S \$5.00  
 A superb new Iris, ranking at the top for its individual color, unmarred smoothness, immense size and remarkable substance and finish. A pure chamois self, with a soft, satiny finish, glistening with myriads of frosty particles. As elegant a pastel as I grow. Possesses a quiet beauty unattained by any other Iris, and for this reason is unsurpassed as a garden harmonizer. M—34".

**GOLDEN RUSSET** (D. Hall '46) ★ ★ HC'45, HM'47 \$5.00  
 At last a new giant to outdo even William A. Setchell in size of flower. Simply enormous. On an established plant the flowers are often 7 inches high, the falls measure 9 inches across when spread out on a ruler. Buds 6 inches long, like huge cigars. Best of all, this new colossus is a sumptuous beauty in light golden russet. In spite of its size and height, is able to resist rain and wind. One to cause your visitors to gasp in amazement. M—38".

**BROWN TURBAN** (Essig '47) \$2.50; 3 for \$5.00; 10 for \$15.00

A unique rustic brown, standards rich amber, falls warm brown subtly blended with deep gold and vinaceous mauve. Medium sized flowers, very stiff, nearly horizontal falls. Used by Gersdorff as the seed parent in producing his Wings of Morning and Enchanted Bride. Sets seed heavily. Transmits its very flaring falls to its offspring. EM—32".

**BROWN THRASHER** (Kirkland '41) HM'40, AM'43 \$1.25  
 We herald this as one of the most sensational new colors ever to be developed—a smooth, rich true brown, like the song-bird for which it was named—and further—it glistens with a lustrous iridescence, like sunbeams reflected from the plumage of the bird. Dr. Kirkland's finest creation. Beautifully proportioned flowers on well-branched stems. Has no pollen, but sets seed. M—36".

**MARIMBA** (DeForest '43) \$1.00  
 A new color, cinnamon-buff. Large beautifully proportioned flowers in a lovely and unusual color, and on well-branched stalks. M—38".

**BERMUDA SAND** ((D. Hall '39 ★ \$1.00  
 A large Iris colored in pleasing light coffee-tan, with a glint of gold shining through to brighten up the whole flower. Heavily ruffled. Vigorous growth and sturdy stalks. M—36".

**LATE**  
**COPPER GLOW** (G. Douglas '45) ★ HM'45 \$3.00  
 A glowing coppery brown that has received much favorable comment from the experts. A warm, golden brown, as vibrant as autumn foliage. Over the whole flower there is an elusive cast of faint coppery rose. Flowers well placed on strong stalks. A new one I know you'll want. ML—37".

### SALMON AND APRICOT BLENDS

Color Harmonies in Rose, Gold, Peach and Amber.

**MIDSEASON**  
**MELLOWGLOW** (Whiting '42) ★ ★ HM'42 \$4.00  
 As luscious a blend as any I grow, mingling deep peach, amber and apricot, and flushed with pink. Substance is extremely heavy, with a crisp character that insures endurance in sun and rain. Suits both those who like them "mellow" and those who prefer them "glowing". Nicely ruffled, and often transmits this character to its seedlings. M—37".

**PRECIOUS** (Mitchell '45) \$1.00; 3 for \$2.50  
 One of Prof. Mitchell's new "fancies" from plicata breeding. Whole flower is suffused and marbled with superimposed color—palest apricot on a creamy yellow ground. Well-rounded flowers on stalks with good branching. Delicately scented. M—38".

**CALIFORNIA PEACH** (Salbach '41) HM'41 50c; 3 for \$1.25  
 A soft pinkish copper, blended with gold. Enlivened by a dash of lavender-blue in the center of the falls. E—EM—38".

**LATE**  
**CASCADE SPLENDOR** (Kleinsorge '45) ★ ★ HM'45, AM'47, S \$3.50; 3-\$9  
 Tall, magnificent and heavily ruffled is this Iris that effectively mingles pink, gold, apricot and tan. If ever there was an Iris to stir one's soul here it is, with flowers cascading down its tall stems in unbelievable beauty. Pleasingly fragrant. L—40".

**PRAIRIE SUNSET** (Sass '39) Dykes '43, S \$1; 3 for \$2.50; 10 for \$9  
 This fabulous Iris was introduced in 1939 at \$100.00. The sun setting over the prairie is no more beautiful than this. Blended in tones of apricot, amber, rose and old gold. From this have already descended so many fine Iris that I give but a partial list: Casa Morena, Juliet, Ola Kala and Sunset Serenade. ML—30"

### IRIS IN HUES OF ORANGE

Unheard Of in Earlier Days.

**EARLY**  
**L'LVIA D'ORA** (DeForest '42) \$1.00; 3 for \$2.50; 10 for 8.00  
 An attractive Iris named to signify a "shower of gold". A color heretofore unachieved in Iris; may be termed "apricot orange". Formal, bearing 9 to 11 flowers per stalk. From Salar x Far West. E—36".

**MIDSEASON**  
**ROCKET** (Whiting '45) ★ ★ ★ HM'45, AM'47, S \$8.00, 3 for \$16.00  
 The orange Iris that stands head and shoulders above all competitors. Standards of pure deep chrome, falls smooth vivid orange. Flowers large, done in modern style, with wide petals, exceptionally heavy substance. Introduced at \$40.00; has been skyrocketing to fame ever since. The English, with their fogs, aren't used to such brilliance, for here's the report that came back when this Rocket reached England: "And now put on sun-glasses, for here is an Iris almost too dazzling for the naked eye." Very new, yet Mrs. Whiting has already used its pollen in producing her latest creation, Tangier. Honey locust fragrance. M—36".

**PRINCE OF ORANGE** (Kleinsorge '40) HM'42, AM'44 50c; 3 for \$1.25  
 A splendid creation in bright yellowish-orange. Falls flaring, of heavy substances. Outclasses both parents, Far West and Naranja. M—32".

**SUNSET SERENADE**—Reblooms. See Autumn Bloomers, page 9. \$1.00  
**THE NEW CHARTREUSE YELLOWS**  
 For Bewitching Flower Arrangements.

**MIDSEASON**  
**CHAR-MAIZE** (Lyon '49) ★ HC'48, HM'49 \$22.50  
 Breaking sharply from the accustomed tones of yellow into a new sea-foam chartreuse blended with deep yellow, this very new Iris will be the delight of the flower arrangers always seeking something different and with real appeal. A large flower with a heavy substance that withstands heat and wind. A seedling of Snow Flurry which contributes a pleasing ruffling to the form. A vigorous grower, producing tall, well-branched stems. M—44".

**GREEN PASTURES** (Heller '47) ★ HC'45, HM'47 \$7.50  
 Here is one of the closest approaches to green yet available in Bearded Iris. A delightful chartreuse yellow in soft pastel tints. A touch of blue at the tip of the beard is most effective and accentuates the cool green tones of the bloom. Tall and free flowering. Starts blooming early and is often still in good condition when the late varieties come out. Perfectly hardy. Introduced at \$30 in 1947. E, M & L—50".

**OKLAHOMA** (Mitchell '45) \$1.50  
 Our favorite of all of the new ones from Prof. Mitchell. A flower of large size with a bewitching new color resulting from blending pale seafoam green, primrose yellow and light buff. Brilliantly highlighted with a large central blue blaze on each fall. We think you'll like this; it's different. Exquisitely fragrant. M—41".

**CAROLINE BURR** (K. Smith '40) HM'40, AM'42 \$1.00; 3 for \$2.00  
 Gold Medal N. Y. World's Fair '39. A fascinating light ivory, overlaid with the palest chartreuse and a frosty iridescence. Is the pollen parent of the superb Amandine. Also sets seed well, and may yield amoenas and neglectas as well as creams, for it comes from Easter Morn x Madame Maurice Lassailly. ML—42".

**LADY MOHR**—Distinctive Onco-Bearded Hybrid, page 12.. \$2.50

### YELLOWS, BRIGHT AND DEEP

Try These With the Wonderful New Blues.

**EARLY**  
**GOLDEN RUFFLES** (Taylor '46) ★ ★ ★ HM'46, AM'49 \$5.00  
 Probably the most talked-of yellow Iris today, as it has not only just won the Award of Merit, but has also won numerous regional awards including the gold cup for the finest specimen in the entire Hollywood Iris Show 1946; and 1948 Sweepstakes Winner at the Salt Lake City Show. A wonderful clear yellow, wide and smooth, with a delightful ruffling that gives it an appeal such as few Iris possess. EM—38".

**JOAN LAY** (H. Chadburn '39) AM Royal Hort. Soc. '41 \$2; 3 for \$4  
 The most noteworthy English yellow, and much admired since it has been brought to this country. A wonderful deep golden yellow of fine form that will bring abundant color to your garden at the very start of the season. Pleasingly fragrant. VE—36".

**SONG OF GOLD** (Essig '37) HM'39 75c; 3 for \$1.50; 10 for \$4.50  
 The very best of the inexpensive, early-blooming bright yellows. Done in modern style, with flaring falls that give exceptional character. Large, well-branched. Perfectly hardy. One of the most fragrant of yellow Iris. E—38".

**YELLOWS, BRIGHT AND DEEP**—Continued on next page



**GOLD RUSH** (Essig '46) ★ ★ \$4.00; 3 for \$8.00; 10 for \$24.00

Brightest of the golden stars in the Iris firmament—a new flower attracting attention from afar, beckoning with unsurpassed brilliance and depth of color. Flowers medium-sized, well poised, with nicely flaring falls. The low branching starts at about 10". A Canadian grower reports that Gold Rush is the best yellow for form and branching he has ever grown. Pleasingly fragrant. E—38".

**MIDSEASON**

**OLA KALA** (J. Sass '43) Dykes Medal '48, S \$1.50

Of all the yellows this has impressed the Iris judges the most, for it won the Dykes Medal in '48 and has been top-ranking variety in the Symposium the last three years. Such acclaim is usually accorded only quite new, expensive creations, and I am pleased that in this instance the variety has been out long enough so I can make it available at a new low price within the reach of all. Such purity and depth of color has seldom been seen in any flower—a rich clear yellow, nicely ruffled. M—37".

**SPUN GOLD** (Glutzbeck '40) Dykes Medal '44, S \$1.00

A famous yellow that stands out from the others because of the exceptionally heavy substance and remarkably velvety lustre ordinarily found only in darker colored Iris. Actually plush-like in texture. A pure gold, unmarred by veining or shading. A good parent. M—37".

**EASTER GOLD** (Essig '46) ★ ★ ★ HM'46 \$3; 3 for \$6; 10 for \$18

I liked Easter Gold so much last spring that I took a photograph to let you see how outstanding it is in those characteristics that give an Iris genuine appeal: abundance of bloom, perfect carriage

and flower placement, wonderful branching, and ideal form. Not only that, but the flowers are exceptionally large, and of an incredibly pure yellow. They seem as if carved from pure gold. To behold a stalk of this is indeed an inspiration. Isabelle Henderson, of Raleigh, N. C., who has over 600 Iris varieties, writes that Easter Gold is her favorite yellow, and does wonderfully for her. You are missing something if you have not tried this one. M—46".



**EASTER GOLD**

**GOLDEN MAJESTY** (Salbach '38) HM'39, AM'40, S 50c; 3 for \$1.25

Few are so nearly perfect, for this has color, ideal form, substance, wonderful poise, adaptability, and a haunting sweet fragrance. M—42".

**TREASURE ISLAND** (Kleinsorge '37) HM'39, AM'45, S 50c; 3 for \$1.25

One of the most decorative of the yellows, with large massive flowers like golden treasure. The deep orange-yellow beard contrasts with the petals and give the flowers an individual air. M—38".

**LATE**

**ADMIRATION** (K. Smith '46) HM'47 \$6.00; 3 for \$12.00

Here is the best of all yellows for extending your Iris bloom well into the late spring. Often blooms after nearly all other yellows have passed on. A tall, smooth, medium yellow with ruffled standards, wide semi-flaring falls of heavy substance. A superb creation that is always the center of attraction late in the season. VL—38".

**DAWN OF GOLD** (Salbach '40) ★ ★ 75c; 3 for \$1.50; 10 for \$4.50

An excellent, big, bold, very late yellow with heavy substance. Done in rich yellow tones, deeper in the falls. Very fragrant. VL—38".

**BERKELEY GOLD** (Salbach '42) ★ ★ HM'44, AM'46, S \$1.00

Very similar to Ola Kala, and rated even higher by some judges. Admired most because it is an intense, pure yellow, much richer than other yellows such as Golden Majesty, which have heretofore been our standards. It is also much sought because it blooms over a long period, stands rain and hot weather without fading. Possesses excellent breeding possibilities, for it has ample pollen and sets seed with pollen of many varieties. I have a large stock but at this new low price I wonder how long it will last. I suggest you place your order at once; in the meantime reserve for Berkeley Gold a special niche where everyone will see it. ML—37".

**YELLOWS, SOFT AND LIGHT**

Surprisingly Variable in Coloring.

**EARLY**

**SPRING SUNSHINE** (Milliken '47) ★ HM'47 \$5.00

By far the largest yellow Iris to date, and by some said to be the largest Iris of any color. So outstanding it was introduced at \$35 in 1947. A plant of this in your garden will be the sensation of your entire neighborhood. A pleasing lemon-cream with a strong midrib. Edges of petals prettily serrated. Yields fertile pollen. Hybridizers should find it unexcelled for adding size in all color classes. EM—48"

**COLOMA** (Essig '46) \$2.50; 3 for \$5.00; 10 for \$15.00

An entrancing new Iris named for the place where gold was discovered. Might have been called "White Gold", for it is a sparkling and harmonious blending of the two colors. General effect is pale luminous yellow, with pronounced white area in center of falls. Blooms over a long period. Pollen abundant. Honey locust fragrance. EM—42".

**SOUSUN** (Essig '45) ★ ★ HM'45 \$2.00; 3 for \$4.00; 10 for \$12.00

A large glistening lemon-cream with standards of palest yellow and falls of white, effectively bordered with yellow. Beard a contrasting deep yellow. Well branched, very floriferous. Starts blooming early, continues for a considerable period. Then occasionally surprises one with another blooming period in October. Very fragrant. EM—36".

**MIDSEASON**

**MOTHER LODE** (Essig '46) ★ ★ \$5.00; 3 for \$10.00

An Iris of large size deriving its richness and beauty from its varying hues of yellow. Basic color is a clear creamy yellow, along the sides of haft is a vivid, contrasting, deep yellow. Beard large, prominent, a deep yellowish orange, adding to the pleasing variety of shades of yellow this flower displays. Flowers well formed, with semi-flaring falls. Makes early spring growth, so much in very cold regions. Delightfully fragrant. Sets seed and passes its brilliant beard on to its offspring. M—38".

**MOONLIGHT MADONNA** (Sass '43) HM '43, AM '45, S \$1.50; 3 for \$3

Perfect beyond a dream, as immaculate as its name signifies. One glance is sometimes sufficient to convince those who see it for the first time that this is their favorite Iris. Coloring much like the popular Elsa Sass, but greatly improved in size, purity of color and form. A clear lemon-ice color, with a frosty sparkle and an elusive hint of green. Pollen very fertile, even effective on William Mohr. M—36".

**GOLDEN FLEECE** (J. Sass '40) HM'40, AM'42, S \$1; 3 for \$2; 10 for \$6

Jacob Sass' masterpiece—celestial, pure, fit for a bridal bouquet. A bi-tone; standards bright light yellow; falls with a white center and yellow border. Introduced at \$50.00 in 1940 and has been breaking all sales records ever since. We have stocked up liberally, but just to be sure, better order NOW. An excellent parent, used either way. Very fragrant. M—ML—40".

**ELSA SASS** (H. P. Sass '39) AM'41, S 50c; 3 for \$1.25

A yellow that is really different in tone—a true lemon-yellow, very clear and fine. M—30".

**FAIR ELAINE** (Mitchell '38) AM'40, S 50c; 3 for \$1.25

Acclaimed as one of Irisdom's all-time greats. An entrancing bitone daringly done entirely in pastel colors—ivory-white standards, displayed above clear yellow falls. Pollen abundant. M—40".

**SALLY ANN**—Superb Re-bloomer, page 9. \$3.00

**LATE**

**SIERRA PRIMROSE** (Essig '46) ★ ★ \$3.00; 3 for \$6.00; 10 for \$18.00

A lovely new Iris for the connoisseur who revels in soft pastel tints—a beautiful primrose yellow, almost cream. Among the very largest Iris we grow, yet the immense flowers are produced in profusion on tall, low-branched stalks—a clump is a sight to long remember. A plant of this in your garden will draw more attention than a dozen ordinary varieties. Wild plum fragrance. Still another virtue, adding much to its garden value, is its exceptionally long blooming period. M—ML—40".

**ST. CRISPIN** (Meyer '39) AM Royal Hort. Soc. '44 \$1.00; 3 for \$2.00

The finest English variety among the light yellows, imported by us by air. A delightful lemon-yellow, with large, bold, well-proportioned flowers. A most distinctive feature is the conspicuous bright orange yellow beard. Sometimes reblooms in late fall. L—30".



## CREAM AND IVORY TONES

Quite Essential in Harmonizing Your Color Effects.

### EARLY

#### EASTER SUNRISE (Rees '44) ★

\$1.50

A very tall and delightful cream self with much gold at the haft. A seedling of Snow Flurry. There is no ruffling, but when the big buds begin to unfurl, they have a crystalline appearance that is breath-taking. Most remarkable in having the most evergreen foliage of any of our 500 varieties. In mid January, after 2 feet of snow and very cold weather, these clumps still had a mass of fine broad leaves a foot or more long. Ideal starting point for breeding attractive evergreen foliage into various other colors. Stock limited. Order early. The principal competitor of South Seas as the first Tall Bearded Iris to bloom. VE—46".

### MIDSEASON

#### AMANDINE (G. Douglas '46) AM'48, President's Cup '48, S

\$7.50

A new award in Irisdom is the President's Cup, given each year to the originator of the most outstanding Iris, as determined by a vote of the visitors at the Annual Meeting, American Iris Society. For 1948 this went to Geddes Douglas for his superb new creation Amandine. Not only did it receive the most votes, but it polled 90% of all votes as the "people's choice". A big, beautifully ruffled yellow-cream with wide falls and standards. While fairy-like in appearance, it has extraordinary substance. Well up in the voting for the 1949 Dykes Medal, so you can be sure it is tops. ML—36".

#### RUFFLED BOUQUET—Most beautiful, ruffled, page 28.

\$10.00

#### GOLDEN MADONNA (Essig '40) \$1.00; 3 for \$2.00; 10 for \$6.00

One of the finest cream Iris in our entire collection. Its coloring is both elegant and lovely—standards rich cream, pure and clear; falls ivory white, effectively bordered pale yellow, with a yellow haft and beard. Large flowers, beautifully poised on tall, strong stalks. M—40".

### THE DECORATIVE YELLOW PLICATAS

Prettily Brushed and Stippled

See the Vivid Red Plicatas for New Brilliance.

### MIDSEASON

#### SUZETTE (Knowlton '45) ★ HC'44, HM'45

\$6.00

Loveliest of yellow plicatas and a distinct innovation. Fine both as a specimen stalk and when viewed from across the garden. Clear creamy-yellow, dotted with rose and maroon, highlighted by the highly colored rosy madder styles. Admired also for its perfection of form and branching, and for its excellent weather-resisting substance. EM—38".

#### BENTON AURORA (Morris '45)

\$3.00; 3 for \$6.00; 10 for \$18.00

A new plicata imported by us from England. Petals clear canary-yellow, neatly edged and trimmed with fine stipplings of maroon. Fine low-branched stalks. M—36".

#### TIFFANJA (DeForest '42) ★ ★ HM'44, AM'46, S \$1; 3 for \$2; 10 for \$6

A very distinctive, impressive plicata that may also be classed as a reverse bitone, for the standards are deeper colored than the falls. Standards creamy buff-yellow; falls pure glistening white, bordered to match the standards. Sprinkled with light golden brown at haft and around edge. A flower of near perfection, becoming very popular as it is so fine and unusual. M—37".

#### HONEY CHILE (Salbach '40) ★

\$1.00

One of the most unusual Iris I grow. Standards soft honey-yellow. Falls deep orange-yellow, heavily veined in brown. Not generally available, so certain to create interest in your neighborhood. M—36".

#### YUMA (Mitchell '45)

75c; 3 for \$1.50; 10 for \$4.50

The colorings of the Arizona desert brought forth in a tall new plicata for your garden. Stipplings of dark red, brown and purple on a pronounced yellow ground, lighter in the standards and deeper in the falls. Well branched stems. Pleasingly fragrant. M—42".

#### BROWN FEATHERS (Martin '41) ★

60c

A seldom-seen cream-yellow plicata that is well worth growing. Standards strongly flushed with bronze; falls heavily etched with feather stitches of brownish red. M—32".

### LATE

#### SORREL TOP (Mitchell '43) ★ HM'47

\$1.00

A novel flower, classed by Prof. Mitchell as a "fancy", but at the same time, may be called a reverse bicolor. Very different from the arrangement to which we are accustomed, for here the concentration of color is in the standards. These are pale yellow, heavily suffused with brownish rose. Falls white, edged brownish rose. Tall, imposing. Much liked by our garden visitors. One to a customer. ML—42".

#### BALMUNG (H. P. Sass '39) HM'40, AM'42

75c; 3 for \$2; 10 for \$6

To the uninitiated this strikingly-marked plicata might easily pass for a rare new orchid from the tropics, for its colorings are so novel, different from most Iris. Rather deep yellow, prominently etched in brown. Exceptionally large flowers, splendid carriage. ML—38".



MISSION MADONNA—Creamy White

### WHITES WITH YELLOW INFLUENCE

Pure Whites with Throats of Gold

### EARLY

#### MISSION MADONNA (Essig '46) ★ ★ HC'45

\$4; 3 for \$8; 10 for \$24

An immense new Iris combining to a remarkable degree size, beauty and gracefulness. Standards a delicate creamy yellow. Falls creamy white, with a strong yellow haft, a brilliant yellow beard. Petals ruffled with a decorative picoted edging. The very finest of the new, but already famous Essig Madonna series. Try this for sheer beauty. Fragrant. EM—40". Photo above.

#### EASTER CANDLE (Essig '46) ★ ★

\$3.00; 3 for \$6.00; 10 for \$18.00

A new introduction that is the tallest, most stately Iris in this color class. Emphasis is on serenity and purity for it is a white as pure as an Easter candle, with a bright yellow gilding at the throat, reminding one of the candle's clear yellow flame. Well-domed standards, semi-flaring falls contribute to create an effect unsurpassed among Iris of this type. I have found the pollen of Easter Candle to be much more potent on Oncos than that of most varieties. Very useful for such crosses, as its early blooming season overlaps that of many Oncos, and it has the great height needed to counteract the dwarf character of all Oncos. Delightfully fragrant. E—48".

#### ARCTIC (Kleinsorge '40) HM'41, AM'42

50c

Gigantic and tranquil, like the Arctic regions with the sun rising over the horizon. Visualize, then, a gleaming creamy white with gold generously spilling over from the center. EM—42".

### MIDSEASON

#### SHARKSKIN (G. Douglas '42) ★ ★ AM'46, S

\$1.50; 3 for \$3; 10 for \$9

A wonderful, very large, tall creamy-white Iris pre-eminently suited to those rather numerous climates where adversities of weather frequently wreck ordinary Iris of fragile make-up. Visualize the queenly, silken material known as sharkskin and you will understand the firm substance, almost velvety texture of this Iris. Petals broad, falls nicely flaring, with a glistening yellow glow deep in the throat. M—44".

### LATE

#### MARIPOSA MIA (Mitchell '46)

\$2.00; 3 for \$4.00

So quaint and dainty is this tall, prettily ruffled new white that Prof. Mitchell gave it this Spanish name meaning "My Butterfly". He tells us that he considers it one of his very best Iris, and a very fine parent. Much of the charm comes from the decorative yellow style arms and the basal veining. As many as 10 flowers on each well-branched stalk. Very fragrant. L—46".

### THE PURE WHITES

Serene as Freshly Fallen Snow

Use Generously to Bring Out the Beauty in Other Colors

### MIDSEASON

#### WHITE RUFFLES (C. C. Taylor '47) HC'45, HM'47

\$8.00

A beautifully ruffled warm white descendant of Snow Flurry; much like a large edition of that famous variety. Imagine flowers 6 inches high and 6 inches wide, nicely spaced along tall stems. Also inherits the vigor and free-blooming qualities of Snow Flurry. Distribution as yet limited, so here is your chance to get a wonderful new one before any of your neighbors have it. 44".

THE PURE WHITES—Continued on next page



# THE PURE WHITES—Continued

## LADY BOSCAWEN (Graves '46) ★ HM'46, AM'48 S

\$6.50

A hardy new white that has great adaptability, for it has received high praise from coast to coast. **Frilled and ruffled** as a debutante's first party dress. Of elegant form, **great purity of color**, possessing the appeal of a distinct personality. Substance strong and firm; flowers large, well spaced on graceful stalks. I anticipate it will prove a grand parent. M—40".

## THUNDERHEAD (K. Smith '46)

\$4.00; 3 for \$8.00

A very recent addition to our collection. Outstanding for its pleasing form and intense purity. Glistening cloud-white, lighted by a yellowish orange beard. One you'll like because of its **exceptionally long blooming season**. (Caroline Burr x Katy.)

## KATHERINE FAY (Fay '45) ★ ★ HM '45, AM '47, S

\$2.50. 3 for \$5.00

Many of the Iris experts consider this the **finest white available today**. It is **huge and glorious**. To see it is to emblazon it on your memory. Exquisite, pure and cool, without any yellow in the center. Not ruffled, but waved ever so gently. Hardy and vigorous. A good seed-setter, and from Snow Flurry x Katherine Fay has come the brand new, but already much-coveted New Snow. M—35".

## PRISCILLA (Whiting '42) ★ ★ HM '43, AM '47, S

\$1.00; 3 for \$2.00; 10 for \$6.00

An Iris that is neither large nor tall, but which we can recommend unhesitatingly, for it has an appeal such as few Iris possess. Here is a **white that is white**, with no touch of any other color; **even the beard is white**. Very lovely, admired by every visitor. Honey locust fragrance. One of the few "must haves". M—30". (Purissima x Blue Waves.)

## WHITE GODDESS (Nesmith '36) HM'36

75c; 3 for \$2.00; 10 for \$6.00

Like a White Goddess carved from glistening marble, is this New England variety that merits a place in your garden. Domed standards of pure white, falls arched and flaring, also pure white. Beard yellow, style arms white. M—38".

## MOUNT WASHINGTON (Essig '37) HM'39, AM'40

75c; 3 for \$2.00; 10 for \$6.00

One of Prof. Essig's masterpieces, until recently known throughout the land as the best tall white. An immense Iris with flaring falls in the modern manner. Superb for background plantings. The most fragrant pure white. Needs mulching in extremely cold sections. Much used in breeding and contains a recessive (hidden) factor for the tangerine beard. EM—50".

### LATE

## SPANISH PEAKS (Loomis '47) ★ ★ HC'46, HM'48, S

\$12.50

Most heralded of all the new whites is this true white self from the Colorado garden of Dr. Loomis, creator of Elmo and Spindrift. A white as pure and unmarred as the great snow masses that cover the lofty peaks for which it was named. **The flower, the throat, the style arms, even the beard, are all WHITE**, pure white. A huge flower, possessing the distinctive charm that only a true self can have. The one white everyone wants. ML—38".

## MOUNT BLANC (Grant '46)

\$4.00; 3 for \$8.00

A striking white of such remarkable full-bodied appearance, such heavy substance and such purity that it reminds one of a magnolia blossom. A real beauty, deriving much of its charm from its graceful ruffling and the fresh crispness of its petals. Low wide branching such as you find on very few Iris. ML—39".

## NORTHMAN (G. Douglas '43) ★

\$2.00; 3 for \$4.00

An outstanding very large white with 8 to 10 flowers nicely spaced on 3-way branching stalks that hold up under the strongest winds. Blooms over a long period and the individual flowers usually last for 4 days. Robust and hardy. Has **demonstrated ability to yield good late-blooming seedlings**. Crossed with late variegata blends it will produce clear late yellows; crossed with late blues it will give late whites and light blues. Try it. ML—L—40".

## TITIAN LADY (G. Douglas '41) ★ HM'41

75c

Unique and different—while there are now many pinks with tangerine beards, this is the **only pure white with such a beard—a beard in bright titian red**, giving a lovely color contrast with frosty white falls. Has wonderful possibilities as a parent in hybridizing. ML—40".

## WHITES WITH LAVENDER INFLUENCE

Deeper Colored Buds Add Much Charm to This Group

### EARLY

## SNOW FLURRY (Rees '39) ★ ★ HM'39, AM'41, S

\$1.25

To us SNOW FLURRY spells "fascination", for no other white has so much individualistic appeal. Possesses such a glorious ruffling that everyone falls in love with it. Continues year after year to break sales records. Buds tipped in blue, opening to snow-white flowers with the faintest blush of lilac blue. Comes out quite early, so safest to mulch in very cold regions. Yields no pollen but is a **most outstanding seed parent**. Has many descendants, mostly ruffled, such as: White Ruffles and Ruffled Bouquet, Char-Maize and Easter Sunrise. I have been recommending Snow Flurry to breeders for some time, and now comes Orville Fay, of Illinois, with this most convincing statement: "If you would like to see some very large, ruffled, sky-blue Irises with form and color just out of this world, all you have to do is to put some pollen from Chivalry on to Snow Flurry and wait two years. I bloomed 400 Snow Flurry seedlings this year, having crossed that variety with other Irises of different colors, and the results were quite remarkable. I think that Snow Flurry is the world's finest Iris parent. It is a true hybrid and transmits hybrid vigor to all of its seedlings which seem to be completely free from rot and show no sign of winter tenderness." Orange blossom fragrance. E to M—42".



## BLUE SHIMMER—Blue Plicata

## WHITE WEDGEWOOD (Grant '43) ★ ★ HM'43, AM'45, S \$2; 3 for \$4

A thrilling white with a most unusual **deep blue brushing at the beard**, giving a **contrast with the ice-white petals that is perfectly stunning**. As it opens the whole flower is as if engulfed in a light blue mist, but soon changes to pure white. Merrily rippled and ruffled. EM—36".

## WHITE CITY (Murrell '39) English Dykes '40, AM'45

75c; 3 for \$2

One of the finest Iris ever originated in England. Immense silken flowers, blue white with a characteristic heart of plumbago-blue. Has gained great popularity because the tall stalks stand winds without staking, and flowers make a gallant show even after a storm. EM—44".

## THE WHITE PLICATAS

Decorated in Blue, Lavender or Rose-Brown  
(Pink Plicatas, page 14; Red Plicatas, page 16;  
Yellow Plicatas, page 19.

### MIDSEASON

## EDITH RORKE (K. Smith '46) HC'45 \$4.00; 3 for \$8.00; 10 for \$24.00

A showy, frilled plicata from the cross of Valentine x Florentine. Decorated in blue-violet in an exceptionally clean pattern. A clump is really something to behold. A vigorous grower and a heavy bloomer. EM—36".

## BENTON DIANE (Morris '45)

\$3.00; 3 for \$6.00; 10 for \$18.00

An enticing, delicately marked white plicata imported by us from England by air. Standards ivory, flushed lavender. Falls white, boldly etched in lavender and brown. General effect is a bewitching icy-blue as the flower opens, changing to pearly ivory. ML—36".

## DAFFY—Oddest of plicatas, page 7.

\$3.00

## PATRICE (DeForest '45) ★ ★ HM'46

\$2.00; 3 for \$4.00

A lightly colored plicata of refined character and rare charm for those who prefer plicatas of the winsome, delicately marked type. Standards cream, flushed with pale rosy lavender; falls flaring, white, beautifully **brushed soft gold cross the haft**, which is **speckled rose-brown**. A good seed-setter, yielding abundant pollen. M—40".

## MINNIE COLQUITT (H. P. Sass '42) HM'43, AM'45, S

\$2.00

A plicata done **along bold lines, a massive flower**, with white petals heavily bordered with mulberry stitching. Here, then, is a plicata that has sufficient color and contrast for good garden value. In fact, **when planted near pale yellow, cream or white Iris, the effect is nothing short of spectacular**. Plenty of pollen for hybridizing. M—36".

## BLUE SHIMMER (J. Sass '42) ★ ★ AM'44, S

\$1.50; 3 for \$3.75; 10 for \$12

Generally conceded to be the **most outstanding plicata today**—and no wonder! Ivory-white, entrancingly and heavily decorated with a tracery and stippling of exquisite clear blue. Falls flaring, held in position by a substance reminding one of heavy white leather. Extremely large and elegant. One of the most fragrant plicatas. Fertile with either its own pollen or pollen of other varieties. Blue Shimmer pollen will often produce seed when used on William Mohr; we hold our breath awaiting new flowers from crosses such as this. M—39". Photo above.



## THE EXQUISITE PALE BLUES

A Little More Blue Than White

### EARLY

**HELEN MCGREGOR** (Graves '46) ★ ★ ★ AM'48, Dykes '49, S \$8.00

Behold the 1949 winner of **Irisdom's highest award**, the famous **Dykes Medal**. Now the most talked of Iris in the country. Introduced in 1946; the very next year it was 4th from the top of the Symposium of the 100 best Iris. Thus it surpassed even the sensational Chivalry, which attained this same rank two years after its introduction. **Never in all history has an Iris risen so high in so short a time.**

"Have you ever seen the blue sky on a clear, bright morning with left-over starlight twinkling on the dewdrops? That is Helen McGregor, by far the most beautiful Iris I've seen in many years. It is a large flower with a wide haft and **very much ruffled**. Its color is **clear blue of a light hue but with no lavender in it**". Such is Geddes Douglas' characterization of this most outstanding new creation.

Helen McGregor has been written about so much during the last few years that we have brought together in our files no less than 25 different comments. The one word that we find recurring time and again through these appraisals is "beautiful", and this, I think, accounts, more than anything else, for its rapid rise to fame. John Dolman, Jr., gives us this insight into the variety's character: "We found Dr. Graves' garden (at Concord, New Hampshire) soaked but sparkling in fresh sunshine, and the general theory was that he had arranged the downpour just to prove that Helen McGregor was indestructible". R. J. Randall, President of the Iris Society of England, makes this comment in the 1948 Yearbook: "It possesses nearly every virtue that an Iris should have." And for the breeders we quote H. S. Fothergill in England: "Given worthy pollen every one of its children seem to be first-class". EM—32" (Purissima x Cloud Castle).

**SYLVIA MURRAY** (Norton '44) HM'46, AM'49, S \$2.25

A glamorous and deserving new contender for attention is the classically formed Sylvia Murray in palest blue. Visitors admire the smooth finish, precise styling and particularly the graceful poise of the flowers. Richly perfumed. As a stunning garden combination, I suggest Pink Lace or SQ 72 planted in front of the taller Sylvia Murray. EM—38".

**GLORIOLE** (Gage '33) HM'33, AM'35, S 50c; 3 for \$1.25

Queen of the older pale pastel blues—like an immense blue-white ice crystal, sparkling in the sun. Very heavy substance. E—42".

### MIDSEASON

**CLOUD CASTLE** (Graves '44) ★ ★ ★ HM'44, AM'49, S \$3.00

A new Iris that has quickly taken the public's fancy and is now in great demand. Visualize an **exquisite pale wisteria-blue**, beautifully ruffled, and possessing that indefinable charm that causes visitors to return again and again. Flowers exceptionally large, with splendid broad falls, widely flaring. Standards roundly domed with a quaint fluting at the edge. One of the very best blues for the new hybridizer, as it sets seed and has fertile pollen. The pollen-parent of such top-notchers as Helen McGregor and Lady Boscawen. M—36".

### LATE

**AZURE SKIES** (Pattison '43) ★ ★ \$1.25; 3 for \$2.50; 10 for \$7.50

HM'43, AM'45, S. In my estimation by far the **loveliest pale blue available at such a moderate price**. It is a delightful, very light lavender blue with **beautiful ruffling** and remarkable perfection of form. Has a crisp, strong substance and lasts for several days. Yields good pollen and is **among our very best seed setters**, thus offering a real opportunity to hybridizers. Fragrant. ML—35".

### IRIS IN SKY-BLUE TONES

Real Blues, But Light as the Sky Itself

**SOUTH SEAS** (Essig '47) **EARLY** \$5.00; 3 for \$10.00

The clear sky-blue reflections of the south seas. It is as if the warmth of southern waters activates this new Iris with the first breath of spring, for it is **often the very first Tall Bearded Iris to bloom**. Very tall, yet low branched. Coloring and flaring form remind one of Prof. Essig's earlier Shining Waters, but this is taller, a great deal earlier. Haft of falls with strong yellow reticulations, and a deep yellow beard, giving a **striking "blue and gold" effect**. As it comes out so early, we recommend mulching in very cold regions. Has set seed for me when pollinated with Chivalry.

Mrs. Phares reports from Austin, Texas, that South Seas started blooming for her on February 9, and gave her 5 weeks of continuous bloom, with 8 to 10 blooms on each stalk. VE—52".

### MIDSEASON

**BANDMASTER** (D. Hall '44) HM'44, S \$2.00; 3 for \$5.00

An immense, powder blue self, descended from the famous Great Lakes, and slightly deeper in color. Very close to a "true blue", with a color that holds up unusually well. Exceptionally vigorous, with huge leaves and tall sturdy stalks that are prolific in the production of flowers. M—39".

**GREAT LAKES** (Cousins '38) Dykes '42, S 75c; 3 for \$2; 10 for \$6

A hardy Canadian origination that has been among the first 10 in the Symposium every year to date. A fragrant medium blue with great flaring falls—like the Great Lakes themselves. It is the pollen-parent of two of the finest Iris in existence today, Blue Valley and Chivalry; and the seed-parent of the delightful Sylvia Murray. Outstanding performer in every section of country. M—48".



**CHIVALRY**—Bright Blue

### LATE

**TISHOMINGO** (W. Caldwell '42) HM'42, AM'44 \$1.00

Remarkable firm substance and weather resistance. Thus it is coveted by the flower lover and breeder alike, for it is a large, lovable Wisteria-blue self of very flaring form. Its crisp character is accentuated by frosty flush that envelops the flower. ML—42".

**LAKE GEORGE** (K. Smith '45) ★ ★ HM'45, S \$3.50

A rich blue, a little deeper than Great Lakes but still best classed with the light blues. **The choice of those who like the modern form, with nearly horizontal falls**, of heavy substance that holds up well in sun or wind. The sterling qualities of Lake George may also be judged from the fact that, new though it is, already it is a parent of **three** of the strongest contenders for top honors among all blues—Blue Valley, Keene Valley, and Transatlantic. ML—39".

## THE BRIGHT AND DEEP BLUES

Try These for Purity and Depth of Color

### MIDSEASON

**BLUE VALLEY** (K. Smith '47) ★ ★ ★ HM'47, AM'49 \$10; 3 for \$20

The new blue everyone is talking about as the **nearest approach to true, bright spectrum blue of any Iris ever created**. N. Leslie Cave, speaking of this variety in the garden of the President of the Iris Society of England, states: "Blue Valley was entrancing. Nothing in Mr. Randall's garden could approach it for blueness." Beautifully ruffled, large in size, and possessing a vivacious sparkle that gives it unusual character. Falls of exceptional substance, flaring out almost horizontally. A **single rhizome** has been known to produce as many as **seven** flower stalks in a single season. One of the most coveted of all Iris at the present time. Enticingly fragrant. M—36".

**CHIVALRY** (J. Wills '44) ★ ★ AM'46, Dykes Medal '47, S \$7.50

A **glorious clear bright blue** so outstanding that to see it is to want it. While its color is its greatest attraction, is delightful ruffled form and exceptionally fine branching add much to the effect it creates. A wonderful performer in every way. Clifford W. Benson, of Missouri, writes in the July '48 Iris Bulletin: "This Dykes Medal winner will eventually be grown by every Iris lover throughout the world." Be the first in your neighborhood, and give your friends a treat. Already its pollen has yielded, overseas in England, the appropriately named "Transatlantic". This may well be the most sought after Iris in America. M—36". Photo above.

**CALIFORNIA BLUE** (Essig '29) 50c; 3 for \$1.25

An exceptional value, outstanding on several scores: (1) **Most fragrant blue Iris** I have found; (2) Blooms for 3 to 4 weeks; (3) Remarkably tall, vigorous. Large rich blue flowers. E to ML—58".

### LATE

**BLUE RHYTHM** (Whiting '45) ★ ★ ★ AM'47, S \$4.00; 3 for \$8.00

**Runner-up for Dykes Medal '49**. A wonderful silvery cornflower-blue that has gained tremendously in popularity as it has become better known among the real Iris fans. Abundantly generous in its branching—in fact, it is the **best-branched blue that we list**, and hence an ideal subject for ambitious hybridizers since real good branching is a character greatly needed to properly display the flowers. Has pollen and sets seed. A vigorous grower and rapid increaser, which you can see means loads of these delectable blooms in a hurry. In very great demand ever since last August when it was first learned that Blue Rhythm was **runner-up for the 1949 Dykes Medal**. Better get your order in **now**. ML—38".

**BRUNHILDE'S BABY** (J. Martin '46) \$2.50

From the popular Brunhilde has come this new introduction with much more flaring falls and of much larger size, but nearly the same color—an intense blue-violet with an interesting **blue beard**. Will sometimes give you winter bloom in mild climates, but should be mulched in cold areas. Delicately scented. ML—36".



## THE NEAR BLACKS

Very Black, but for Even Blacker Iris, See the Oncos, page 4.

### MIDSEASON

**SABLE** (Cook '38) HM '37, AM '40, S \$1; 3 for \$2.50; 10 for \$8

An intense claret-black, with a novel blue beard. Exceedingly popular, as it is so different. Velvety falls. M—35".

**BLACK AND GOLD** (Kleinsorge '43) \$1.00

Boldest, most thrilling of variegatas. Imagine standards of clear chrome, almost gold, neatly edged in red; falls maroon black! Very fragrant. An excellent seed setter. M—36".

**NIGHTFALL** (D. Hall '42) AM '45, S 75c; 3 for \$1.50; 10 for \$4.50

A stunning blackish bitone with very velvety violet-black falls and with standards several shades lighter. Nicely formed flowers on strong stalks that do not require staking. Vigorous and easy to grow. Will supply stunning contrast to your lighter-colored Iris. M—38".

### LATE

**ETHIOP QUEEN** (Schreiner '38) ★ 75c

Standards deep violet-black. Falls of extremely heavy substance, a blending of coal-black and deep-violet-black, wonderfully lustrous. Scarce, order early. ML—34".

## THE BLUE-VIOLETS AND ROYAL PURPLES

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### MIDSEASON

**MASTER CHARLES** (Williamson '43) ★ ★ ★ HM '44, AM '46, S \$2.50

A brilliant and fascinating deep mulberry and brown Iris that stops the visitors in their tracks, with some such remark as: "Oh, how captivating! Just what I need to add that touch of regal splendor in that niche between my shrubs." Iris judges also consider this among the finest of all Iris, for it has hovered near the top of the Symposium for the past several years. Study your garden and see where this striking Iris would be most useful in creating the effect you desire. M—38".

**WILLIAM A. SETCHELL** (Brehm '38) 75c; 3 for \$2.00; 10 for \$6.00

The largest inexpensive Iris that we grow. Truly colossal, flowers sometimes measuring 6" across, 7" high. In spite of its immensity, it holds its form remarkably well. And its color, too, goes well with its size, being a rich royal purple. M—42".

**CREOLE BELLE** (Nicholls '34) ★ ★ HM '36 75c; 3 for \$2; 10 for \$6

Wafted from the depths of this siren of the flower kingdom is an alluring perfume that will tantalize and hold you. Our nomination for the most fragrant of all Iris. A very intense blue-violet, gilded brown at the haft. M—36".

**DEEP VELVET** (Salbach '39) HM '41, AM '42, S 75c; 3 for \$2; 10 for \$6

An "Iristocrat," outstanding for its perfect form, refined finish, deep purple color. Texture like rich satin. A free bloomer, thriving everywhere. Endowed with an enticing fragrance. Sets seed, has pollen. EM—38".

## THE VIOLET BITONES AND BICOLORS

Amoenas, Neglectas and Others

### MIDSEASON

**THREE CHEERS** (Cook '45) ★ ★ HM '46, S \$4.00; 3 for \$10.00

The final result of years of breeding for better Amigo and Wabash seedlings. Amazingly brilliant deep blue bicolor, between Amigo and Wabash in coloring, but much taller, richer, a real improvement. Permanence of color and lack of fading have been achieved to a remarkable degree, together with strong growing habits, dependable bloom. M—40".

**LOUISE BLAKE** (K. Smith '43) HM '44, AM '47 \$2.50; 3 for \$5. 10 for \$15

Amigo has always been one of the most popular of Iris, so we know you will like this improved, larger, more vibrant version, with an even more delightful contrast between waved pale blue standards and rich dark velvety violet falls. Named for a very gracious lady and a true Irisarian. I can recommend Louise Blake for that choice spot in your garden you have been saving for something with exceptional appeal. M—33".

**MARIE ANTOINETTE** (K. Smith '47) \$1.50; 3 for \$3.00

A sister seedling to the famous Louise Blake, and originated by Kenneth Smith. Much like Louise Blake, but taller and less expensive.

**AIGUE MARINE** (Cayeux '38) 75c

Unusual French novelty. Standards silvery heliotrope; falls a fetching dark amethyst, brightened by a lively orange-yellow beard. M—36".

**WABASH** (Williamson '36) Dykes '40, S 50c; 3 for \$1.25

Exceedingly popular amoena. Standards white as new snow. Falls rich hyacinth violet, bordered to match standards. Fragrant. M—36".

### LATE

**LOTHARIO** (Schreiner '42) HM '45, S \$2.00; 3 for \$5.00

The largest and tallest of Neglectas. Coloring very close to that of Amigo, but a little more harmonizing, less contrasting and twice the size. Standards amethyst-blue, falls dark plush-like violet, without veining. Classically formed, and lightly frilled. ML—38".

## IRIS IN LAVENDER AND ORCHID

Lovely Colorings to Remind You of Tropical Orchids

### EARLY

**BURGUNDY ROSE** (D. Hall '46) ★ ★ \$3.00. 3 for \$6.00

No other Iris at this end of the spectrum has a color that is so distinctive and attractive—a deep amethyst, subtly blended with rose pink. A color that has considerable carrying power, and hence this novel Iris has exceptional garden value. A large flower, nicely ruffled. EM—33".

**CHILDHOOD** (B. R. Long '46) \$2.50; 3 for \$5.00

A picturesque blended lavender bitone, one of the largest and most colorful of all of my English importations. Standards light amethyst, flushed with gold; falls pinkish lilac, with an overlay of blue, edged bronzy-gold. Said to withstand the winds and rain of England, so it should be able to "take it" anywhere. E—36".

**AVILION** (Spender '43) \$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

A remarkably smooth, clear lavender with effectively contrasting light yellow hafts appearing as if dusted with gold. Has an iridescent Mother-of-Pearl effect of great charm. Large, nicely formed flowers on low-branched stalks. EM—46".

### LATE

**OLD LACE** (Mitchell '45) ★ ★ \$1.50; 3 for \$3.00. 10 for \$9.00

An Iris with a texture like old lace, ruffled, crumpled and creped in such a way as to add to the charm resulting from a blend of palest parchment and amethyst, deeper in the falls. The only bicolor in the new pattern which Prof. Mitchell has termed "fancy." ML—36".

## HYBRID IRIS SEED

Last summer I collected far more hybrid Iris seed than I am able to sow, so I am offering to share with you the naturally hybridized seed and even the hand-pollinated seed. For those who wish to save time and start with seed in creating new varieties, these seeds offer intriguing possibilities. Each seed will produce a new flower different from all named varieties. Experience the thrill of being the first to see each seedling beauty unfold its petals. Some will be outstanding, particularly if you get hand-pollinated seed; many will be worth growing. Rhizomes of each seedling will increase each year, and will always produce flowers true to the original. Full directions for sowing in my Manual, page 30. Brief instructions sent with seed if you do not have the Manual.

**NATURALLY-HYBRIDIZED TALL BEARDED SEED**—Most beginners prefer this to hand-pollinated seed as one gets so much more for the money. These are generous packets containing between 50 and 100 seeds each. I have bloomed thousands of seedlings from seed of this type and have found many highly interesting new color combinations. Saved from our better varieties of the colors indicated. Colors of seedlings will tend to follow the parents, but there will be some variation and opportunity for selection:

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**HAND-POLLINATED TALL BEARDED SEED**—Ordinarily one considers his own personal hand-pollinated seed so precious that it would be unthinkable to let any of it out. But this year I have more than I can handle, so here's your chance. These packets contain from 10 to 25 seeds each, depending on the newness of the parents and the difficulty of getting seeds to set. All seed sent will be labelled with both parents. If you order several packets, each will ordinarily be a different cross. All represent promising crosses. Most of them involve at least one expensive new variety. Some are crossed with choice numbered seedlings. You may specify what varieties in my catalog you would like as parents. While I naturally cannot guarantee to supply seed involving these exact varieties, I will send such if I have it available; if not, I will send the nearest I have.

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## It's Easy to Order By Mail

As explained in the different sections, Iris are shipped all through the summer and fall. They may be ordered at any time, but I strongly recommend ordering very soon after this catalog reaches you, since the choicest items, that you particularly desire, may be sold out if you wait. Hundreds of people order by AIR MAIL to insure getting everything they want, and I am nearly always able to fill such orders in full. If you need Iris during the winter or early spring I can very likely accommodate you.

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"I belong to the A.I.S., also to an Iris Study Club in Portland. Different members have received your most wonderful Manual and find it so helpful in the study of Iris."—Mrs. W.F., Portland, Oregon.

"You are to be congratulated on preparing this magnificent manual. You have me quite excited about the possibilities of crossing the various Arils with the tall bearded. How I wish I had started growing these exotic plants 'way before this.'"—C.W.B., St. Louis, Missouri.

## GARDEN CLUBS, ATTENTION!

My Iris Manual as the Ideal Textbook for Iris Study Groups

My Iris Manual has been out less than a year, but apparently it fills a long-felt need, for already it is being widely adopted by Garden Clubs and Iris Study Groups in all parts of the country as the most comprehensive and up-to-date treatise available on growing and hybridizing all types of Iris. My Catalog and Manual are becoming so well known that many groups of Iris lovers are now using both regularly. But, in case your group is not familiar with them, send me the name of the group and I will send the catalog and the Manual **without charge** if you merely agree to see to it that both are passed around at a meeting, or otherwise made readily available to the members. I want to make it **easy** for ALL of your people to see what I have to offer. Then the group can decide if it wishes to adopt the Manual as the official Iris-study textbook, and each person can judge for himself if it is what he really needs. Write today and be the one to bring this material to your club's attention.

Club secretaries interested in this proposal should write for my special club rates on Manuals, and for my special discounts to clubs whose members wish to purchase Iris as a group.

I am giving you at the left below extracts from letters of two enthusiastic members of garden clubs where my Manual is being used.

## Multicolored HYBRID BROOM Seed

Next to our Iris, our Multicolored Hybrid Brooms (Cytisus) receive the most exclamations of delight from visitors. Our seed is of the famous strain developed by Prof. S. B. Mitchell. Contains wide array of brilliant, contrasting colors—**red, gold, apricot, rose, buff, white, orange**, etc. Many striking bicolors in the mixture. Very rapid growing—you get a full-grown 6-foot shrub in 2 years from seed. Our customers tell us this broom can also be used very nicely as a clipped hedge. For westerners and others in fairly mild climates... Here's a suggestion which, if carried out, will bring interested queries from every visitor to your garden. Sow half a packet of these seeds over a circular area about 15 inches in diameter. As soon as seedlings bloom, thin out, leaving about eight, to give greatest possible variety in colors. They will soon grow together into what appears to be one large bush. Everyone will exclaim, and want to know how you obtained so many bright colors on one bush. Try it.

Packet of about 300 seeds—75c. 3 for \$2.00.

ZEBRA IRIS—See page 7



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## VISIT OUR IRIS DISPLAYS

You are cordially invited to visit our gardens when you take your outing up in the Gold Rush country. I especially invite you at Iris time, which this year will extend through April and probably most of May. To catch the Iris at their best, **drop us a postal at once** asking that you be notified shortly before the peak of bloom—or telephone Placerville 74-J-2. Many of you will receive this catalog in the summer, too late to see our 1950 displays. If you would like to plan to come in 1951, just put a note on your order, asking that you be notified next spring.

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If you have not seen my new MANUAL, glance over this outline and see if it does not cover many subjects of real interest to you. Note especially how the 3 cultural groups (A, B and C) simplify the understanding of cultural requirements.

Legends of Iris, Goddess of the Rainbow; Year Round Iris Bloom.

### PART I -- THE TWENTY TYPES OF IRIS

Ancient History of Iris; the Iris Family; the Iris Genus.  
A Simple Key to the Types of Iris.

### PART II -- IRIS CULTURE

Handling Plants on Arrival; Hardiness and Mulching; Regulation of Sun and Moisture; Soils and Fertilizers; Soil Reaction; Cutting Back the Foliage; Pest Control. Dividing and Resetting; Pot Culture.

#### A. BASIC SOIL AND DRY SUMMERS

(Or digging and storing in dry sand in basement)

1. ARILS (Oncos, Regelias and Oncogelias): Cold Hardiness; Sun and Moisture; Digging and Storing; Soils and Fertilizers; Planting.
2. BULBOUS IRIS—Reticulatas, Junos and Xiphiums, Moreas, Iris Sisyrinchium, Snake's Head Iris.

#### B. AVERAGE GARDEN CONDITIONS

(Nearly neutral soil and moderate moisture)

1. ARIL-BEARDED HYBRIDS—Onco-BearDED; Regelia-BearDED and Oncogelia-BearDED.
2. BEARDED IRIS—Tall Bearded, Dwarfs, Intermediates, Border, Table and Autumn Bloomers.
3. SUMMER BLOOMING IRIS—Vesper Iris and Blackberrylily.

#### C. ACID SOIL AND MODERATE TO HIGH MOISTURE

1. CRESTED IRIS—Tectorum, Cristata, Japonica, Gracilipes.
2. ENGLISH IRIS—(Iris xiphioides).
3. BEARDESS IRIS—Seven types discussed separately.

### PART III -- IRIS HYBRIDIZING

Iris Hybridizing as Your New Hobby; What the Future Holds in Store for Us; Breeding for Good Traits.

#### A. PLANNING YOUR CROSSES

Use Only Good Varieties as Parents. Selecting Your Goals.  
Varieties Recommended as Parents in Breeding for 26 Specific Objectives.  
How to Synchronize Blooming Periods.  
Chromosome Numbers for 156 varieties of 13 types of Iris.  
Use of Colchicine in Doubling Chromosome Numbers.  
Mendelian Inheritance—Dominant and Recessive Characters.

#### B. TECHNIQUE FOR HYBRIDIZING TALL BEARDED IRIS

The Parts of an Iris Flower; Collecting and Storing Pollen; Emasculation; Labelling the Crosses; Pollinating; Record Keeping Simplified; Care of Developing Pods; Harvesting and Storing Seeds; Sowing Hybrid Seeds; Selecting Hybrid Seedlings for Testing; Naming and Registering Your Hybrids.

#### C. WAYS TO INCREASE YOUR SETS

Selecting Parents by Past Behavior; Use of Hormones to Overcome Incompatibilities; Pollinating in Bud Stage; Increasing Plant Vigor; Forcing Strength into One Stalk or Flower; Selecting Seed Parents Based on Ovary Size.

#### D. HYBRIDIZING UNUSUAL IRIS

The Limits of Hybridization.  
UNUSUAL BEARDED IRIS—5 types; ARIL IRIS and THEIR HYBRIDS (4 kinds); Designating Hybrids of Aril Iris and Bearded Iris.  
BEARDESS IRIS (7 types); IRIS ODDITIES (2 types).



Each year I present here the **most novel and distinctive of current offerings** of the Iris hybridizers. My answer to your persistent question: "What is really different?—and all completely different from each other! Try exhibiting these at your flower shows. I purposely include not only a number of the much-heralded new sorts, but also some extra choice "overlooked varieties" that are certain to create a thrill.

**HIGH COMMAND** (Long '45) ★ ★ ★

**\$3.00; 3 for \$6.00; 10 for \$18.00**

The **very finest and most distinctive** of all our importations from England. Outstanding both in color and form. Standards pure **primrose yellow**, of remarkable clarity, as may be seen in photograph. Falls **blackish mahogany**, edged creamy white, much deeper and richer than American variegatas such as City of Lincoln and Persian Prince. Wonderful flaring falls, almost horizontal, give this an air of distinction. A vigorous grower, producing well-branched stems, large flowers. A novelty for a choice spot in your garden. M—34".

**RUFFLED BOUQUET** (Rees '47) ★ ★ ★

**\$10.00; 3 for \$20.00**

I forecast great popularity for this delightful new-comer, just breaking into prominence. Made a very favorable impression on me and our visitors last season. Entirely sold out by midsummer. New stocks from originator enable me to offer it again this year. A beautiful **Snow Flurry** seedling of the creator of the ever-popular **Snow Flurry** itself. **Actually the loveliest, heavily ruffled Iris blooming in my entire garden** in 1949. With many varieties the ruffling seems rather incidental, but here it is a definite feature. **Perfect flaring form with very heavy substance, much better than in Snow Flurry.** The color, too, gives this exceptional appeal. Standards **luscious creamy-yellow**; falls **white, brushed and edged to match standards.** It is seldom that I am able to bring to your attention a new, little-known variety that has such promise. M—42".

**EASTER BONNET** (Maxwell-Norton '44) ★ ★ HM '46, S

**\$2.25**

Here's your Easter Bonnet with bands of gold upon it! The 1949 favorite in our garden and the **most colorful and spectacular pink I have.** A rich yet soft pink, highlighted with unbelievable brilliant yellow bases to the petals and a narrow yellow edging. Huge, smoothly formed flowers that invariably attract visitors, who return time and again to marvel at the display of color. From Alastor x Morocco Rose, so it may give tangerine-bearded pinks in the next generation. Try it. Sets seed well. M—38".

**SQ 72** (Loomis) ★ ★ ★ HC '47 **\$1.75; 3 for \$4.50**

A super opportunity to get a first-class new tangerine-bearded pink at a moderate price made possible because this is still numbered and has not as yet been named. A smooth, lustrous, light coral pink, **flashing a fiery tangerine beard.** Comes from the famous Sea Shell; inherits the **pink bud.** Being widely used by the experts in hybridizing. Has already yielded Pink Tower and Pink Formal. Our greatest thrill-producer for so modest a price. M—36".

**SANTA CRUZ**—Yellow, Red Veins



**LUCIA** (Regelia: Korolkowi x Stolonifera) ★ ★

**\$2.00; 3 for \$4.00; 10 for \$12.00**

This novel Regelia hybrid attracted so much attention in our garden last spring that I feel I must bring it to your special notice. Visitors kept exclaiming to their friends: "Have you seen **LUCIA**, with the **blue beard**?" Actually, I have quite a few Iris with blue beards, but none equal Lucia for real blueness. A pleasing **pomegranate-red flower** with a sharply contrasting **beard in gay yet deep violet blue.** Flower lovers want this just as it is for unique flower arrangements; hybridizers get it because of the possibilities of introducing such a striking beard into hybrids with Tall Bearded Iris. Graceful flowers with narrow, erect standards and narrow down-hanging falls. A merry personality if there ever was one. Pollen bright green. E—20".

**GAY SENORITA** (Salbach '44) HM '45

**\$1.50; 3 for \$3.00; 10 for \$9.00**

If you enjoy the gay atmosphere of Spain—the flashing costumes of Senoritas, you'll like this stunning new type of variegata, like a gay Spanish shawl. Of huge size, in an **entirely new color pattern**—large round standards of **pure honey yellow**, broad semi-flaring falls of contrasting deeper golden yellow, **dressed in rich brown** with deeper brown veining. Remarkable substance; falls fluted at edges. Pleasingly fragrant. Has set seed when crossed with Capitola. M—34".

**LADY MOHR** (Salbach '44) ★ ★ ★ HM '44, AM '46, S

**\$2.50; 3 for \$6.50**

Again in 1949 **LADY MOHR** outsold all other varieties of a comparable price. She is **very close to the top of all Irisdom**, for only two varieties received more votes when the Iris Judges voted for the 1949 Dykes Medal. The most distinguished and distinctive member of the famous Mohr family, and hence well meriting a place in this select group. Described with the Onco-Bearded Hybrids on page 12. A "must-have".

**SANTA CRUZ** (Mitchell '45) ★ ★

**\$1.50; 3 for \$3.00; 10 for \$9.00**

A striking new type variegata that always catches the visitor's eye as it is so different from ordinary Iris. Standards clear yellow; **falls yellow, gaily decorated with heavy red veining.** Colorful and intriguing, as may be seen from my new true-to-life photo. EM—38".

**CAPTAIN WELLS** (Cook '41) HM '42, AM '43, S

**\$1.00**

Distinct from nearly all others because of the intensity of coloring, being a very dark, rich crimson red of remarkable smoothness and uniformity of coloring. Buds black; falls velvety blackish crimson. Imagine how different this is from any Iris in your garden. Fragrant. ML—36".

**FIRECRACKER** (D. Hall '43) ★ ★ HM '43, S

**\$3.00**

A fine example of the new, **highly colored plicatas.** The yellow ground is heavily stippled with glowing dark burgundy red. So striking that it always commands the attention of visitors. Perfectly hardy. An exceptionally free bloomer. M—33".

**MOONLIT SEA** (J. Sass '43)

**50c; 3 for \$1.25**

Let your imagination run riot—before you lies the deep indigo-blue of the Indian Ocean, marbled with moonlit patches of white and gold. Such is Moonlit Sea, an Iris to make you gasp. Don't crowd. Line forms to the right—or we should say, on the order blank, and via the AIR MAIL route. Hope we still have one left. M—35".

**NOVELTY COLLECTIONS**—Seven highly different entrancers: High Command, Lucia, Gay Senorita, Lady Mohr, Santa Cruz, SQ 72 and Moonlit Sea, a \$12.75 value for \$8.95. These 7 and Ruffled Bouquet, a \$22.75 value for \$15.95.

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